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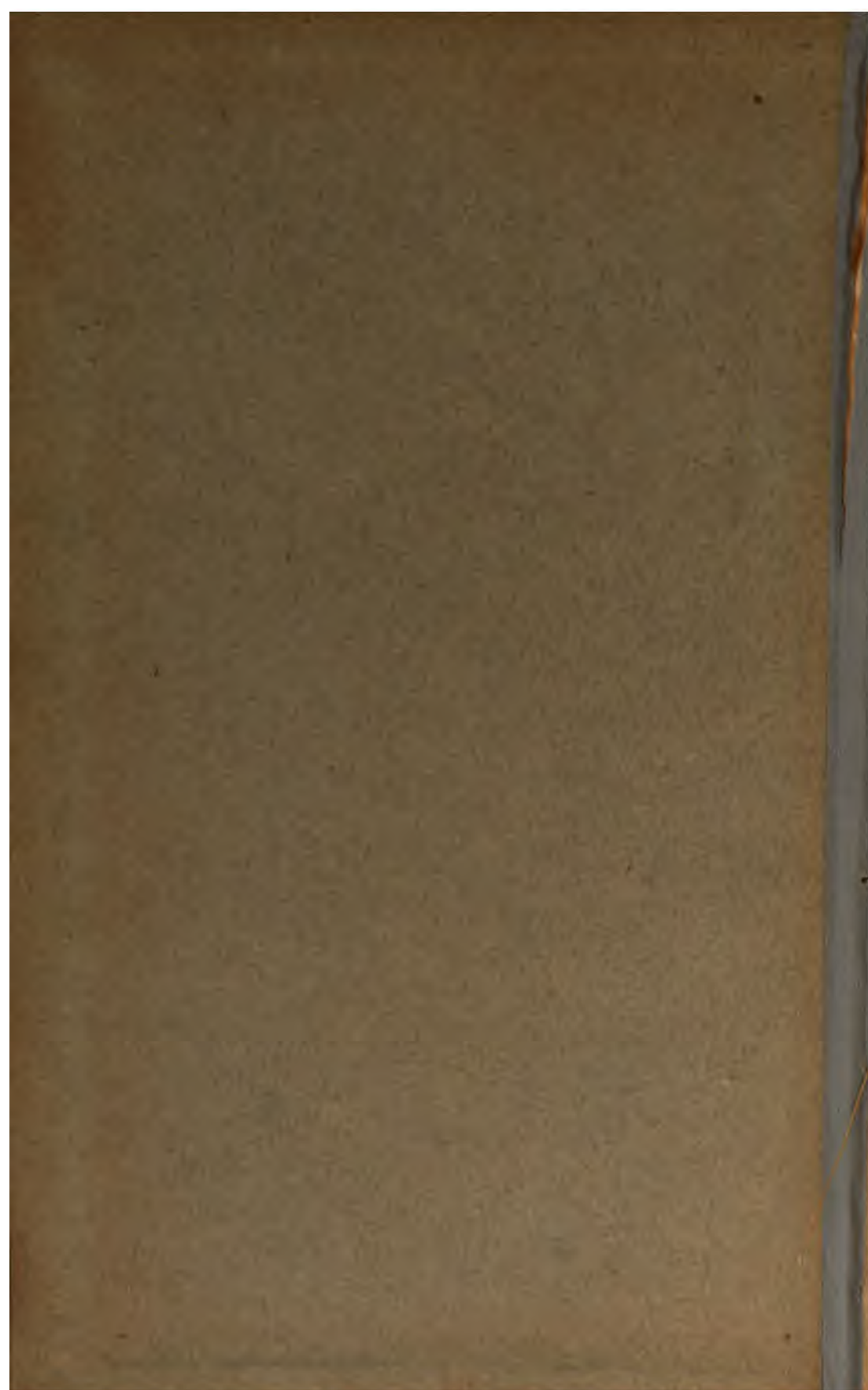
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IN THE

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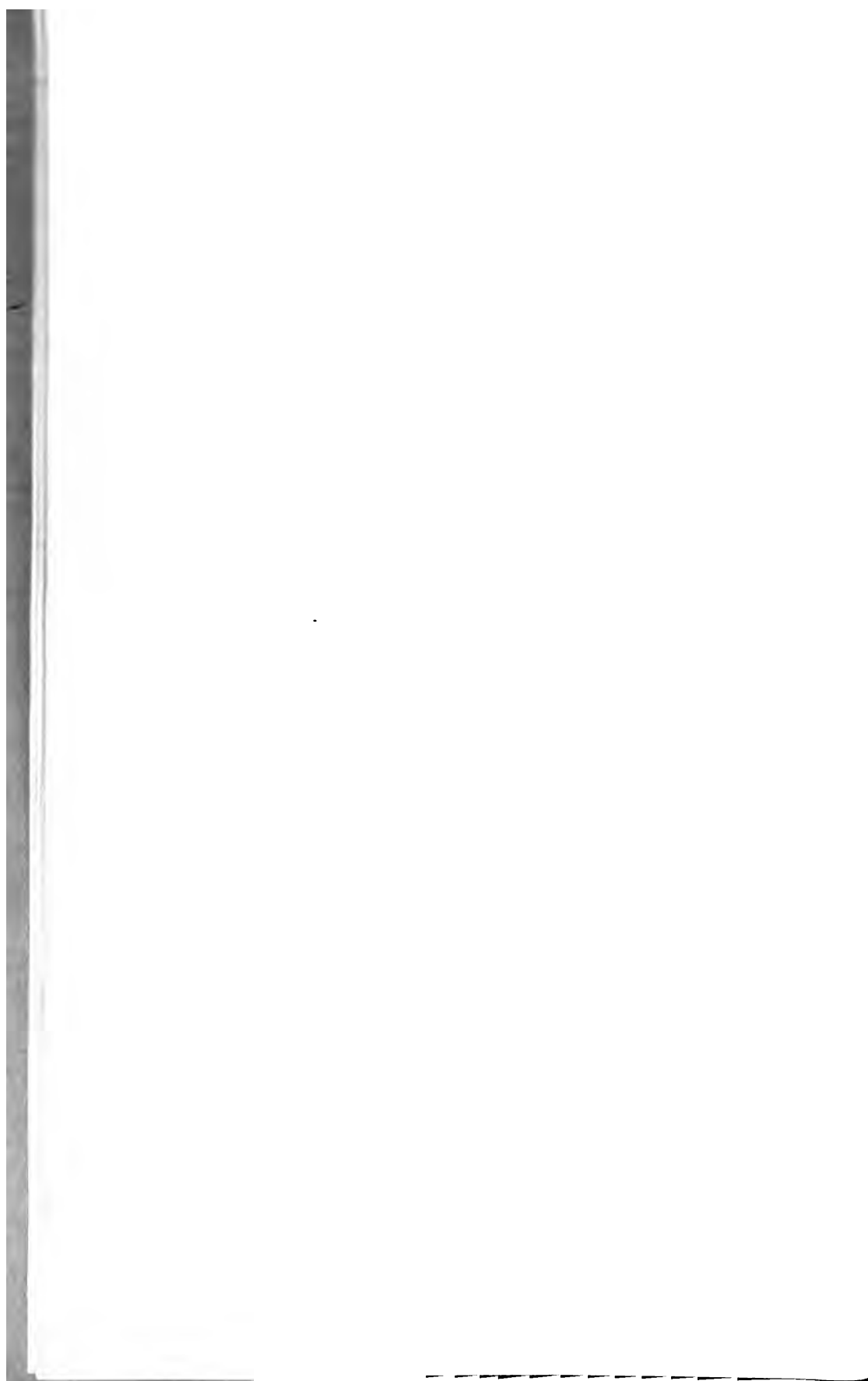
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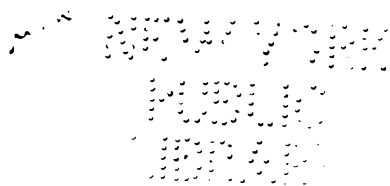
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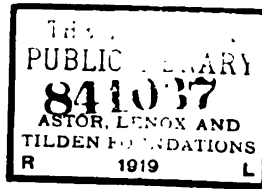
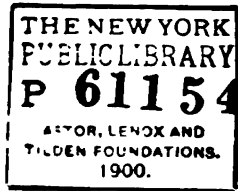


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Ex-Officio.

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Marked thus (*) are also Justices of the Peace.

Birmingham,
28th February, 1899.

AT A MEETING OF THE WATCH COMMITTEE, held on
the 28th day of February, 1899,

MR. COUNCILLOR WATERS IN THE CHAIR.

ANNUAL POLICE RETURNS.

The Chief Constable submitted Statistical Returns for the
Year ended 31st December, 1898.

Resolved,

“That the Returns be printed, and that a copy be sent to each
City Magistrate and Member of the Council.”

REPORT.

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S OFFICE,

CORPORATION STREET,

28TH FEBRUARY, 1899.

*To the Chairman and Members
of the Watch Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the Criminal Statistics and other Miscellaneous Returns for the year ending 31st December, 1898.

The authorised strength of the Police Force on the 31st December last was 700, and 16 additional Constables (who are paid for under the Acts 3 and 4 Vict., cap. 88, sec. 19). The actual strength was 700; their nationalities being—617 English, 44 Irish, 26 Welsh, 12 Scotch, and 1 Dutch; their average height being 5 feet 10½ inches.

During the year 3 Constables were transferred to the Additional Strength, and 55 men left the Force, viz., 6 superannuated, 16 were called upon to resign for misconduct or inefficiency, 28 resigned at their own request, and 5 died, including the late Deputy Chief Constable.

Sixty-seven men joined the Force during the year.

Of the 700 effective men, 218 are under five years' service; 198 between five and ten years; 98 between ten and fifteen years; 90 between fifteen and twenty years; 83 between twenty and twenty-five years; and 18 twenty-five years and upwards.

There were 188 members on the Superannuation list on 31st December last, viz., 1 Chief Constable, 6 Superintendents, 11 Inspectors, 27 Sergeants, and 98 Constables. In addition to these, there are the two children of the late P.C. Snipe, who met with his death in the execution of his duty.

DETECTIVE DEPARTMENT. — This Department consists of 1 Superintendent, 6 Inspectors (including 1 Clerk), 11 Sergeants (including 1 Clerk), and 10 Constables (including 2 Clerks). In addition several Constables in plain clothes, in conjunction with Detectives, have been employed at Divisions.

The value of property reported to the Police as having been stolen or fraudulently obtained within the City during the year was £5,618 14s. 8d., of which goods, &c., to the value of £2,576 3s. 5d. were recovered, or 46 per cent. of the whole.

The number of enquiries conducted for the authorities of other towns has again increased, the number for 1898 being 7,892, against 7,829 last year.

On referring to Government Table "G" it will be seen that the number of Convicts on License and persons subject to Police Supervision who lived in Birmingham during 1898 is 226. This number includes criminals who have been convicted for almost every class of serious crime. The Detectives have been instrumental in obtaining employment for several of these men, and in many instances those who have been found work have reformed.

**Comparative Return of Chief Offences—Return A—for the
Years 1897 and 1898.**

1897.				1898				REMARKS.
OFFENCE.	Total Offences.	Persons Apprehended.		Total Offences.	Persons Apprehended.	Increase of Offences.	Decrease of Offences.	
Murder, Adult	1	1		4	5	3	—	
Attempts to Murder	—	—		1	1	1	—	
Manslaughter	9	9		10	12	1	—	
Wounding (Misdemeanour) ...	53	53		30	54	—	23	
Offences against "Criminal Law Amendment Act"	11	10		8	8	—	3	
Burglary and Housebreaking...	96	47		117	54	21	—	
Warehouse Breaking	85	37		96	56	11	—	
Forgery and uttering (Felony) &c.	6	3		4	3	—	2	
Robbery, with violence	1	—		1	—	—	—	
Larceny from the Person	144	109		139	56	—	5	
Larceny by Servants	62	48		82	75	20	—	
Larceny, Simple	1118	801		1229	961	111	—	
Embezzlement	49	41		39	31	—	10	
Receiving	12	12		14	11	2	—	
Attempted Suicides	54	54		73	73	19	—	
Obtaining Goods, &c., by False Pretences	28	16		24	15	—	4	
Uttering or possessing Counter- feit Coin	4	4		5	5	1	—	

MURDER.—Five persons were charged with this serious offence, the first being George Williams, for the murder of Police Constable George Snipe. On the night of July 18th, 1897, the Constable arrested a man in Bridge Street West, on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. A number of the prisoner's companions came on the scene, and several bricks were thrown, one of which struck Snipe on the head. He was taken to the General Hospital, but died shortly after admission to that institution. A man named James Franklin was arrested the same night, and subsequently committed to the Birmingham Assizes, where he was found "Not guilty." The evidence adduced for the defence of Franklin went to show that the man who threw the brick which caused the death of the officer was George Williams, who was not arrested until 9th January, 1898. He was committed to the Birmingham Assizes, where he was found guilty of manslaughter, and sentenced to penal servitude for his natural life.

Alice Jane Coxon, 21, a single woman, was charged with causing the death of her newly-born male child. She was committed to the Birmingham Assizes, found guilty of concealment of birth, and sentenced to twelve calendar months' imprisonment.

Augusta Villa Robson, 25, a domestic servant, was charged with causing the death of her newly-born illegitimate male child by suffocation. She was committed to the Birmingham Assizes, where she was found guilty of murder, and sentenced to death. The sentence was subsequently reduced to seven years' penal servitude.

Claude Felix Mumby, 22, brass finisher, and James Twitty, 23, a carter, were committed to the Assizes for the wilful murder of Mary Ann Aliban, age 56, single woman, residing in Latimer Street. On 20th October, 1898, deceased, who lived alone, was found dead in her bedroom, with a handkerchief forced into her throat. Two men had been seen to leave the house earlier in the day, and this at first was the only clue to work on. The object of the murderers was no doubt robbery, as it was well known that deceased was possessed of considerable means, and was in the habit of keeping large sums of money in the house. Mumby was arrested at West

Bromwich the same evening, and Twitty was arrested a month later in South Wales. At the Birmingham Assizes both men were found guilty of wilful murder and sentenced to death, the sentence, however, being afterwards commuted to one of penal servitude for life.

ATTEMPT TO MURDER.—There is one crime under this heading, for which a man named William Greaves Edwards, age 40, a masonic jeweller, was arrested, and committed to the Birmingham Assizes. Edwards and his wife had lived very unhappily, and for some time prior to his arrest he had lived in London, leaving his wife and only child, a girl 10 years of age, in Birmingham. On the 6th of April he returned to this city and met his little daughter returning home from school in the afternoon. He spent some hours with her walking about the streets, and eventually took her to New Street Railway Station. Here they walked about one of the platforms for some time, and on the approach of a train Edwards took the child in his arms and deliberately threw her in front of the engine, which at the time was travelling at a considerable rate. The child, when extricated from under one of the carriages, was found to have received shocking injuries, both hands and one foot having been completely severed. She was rendered first aid by the Railway Company's servants, and conveyed as speedily as possible to the General Hospital. Edwards was immediately arrested, and at the Assizes was sentenced to ten years' penal servitude.

MANSLAUGHTER.—There is an increase of one in the crimes committed, and of three in the apprehensions, under this heading; the number of crimes being 10, for which 12 persons were arrested. The following is a brief account of the cases:—

Alice Leake, 34, married woman, was charged with causing the death of her husband, Thomas, age 37, a labourer. On 19th June deceased came home drunk, and quarrelled with his wife. He took hold of her, and in attempting to drag her out of the house fell over the steps into the yard. He got up and went into the house, and shortly afterwards expired. At an inquest held by H.M. Coroner, a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned, and accused was discharged.

Kate Green, 32, married woman, was charged with causing the death of Mary Ann Handley, aged 35, on the 15th January, 1898. Deceased and a man, believed to be her husband, lodged at Green's house, and were under notice to leave. All the parties had been drinking heavily on the night of the occurrence, and in a quarrel which ensued, a lighted paraffin lamp was thrown by Green at deceased, which exploded, the contents falling over her clothing, which set her in flames. She was taken as quickly as possible to the General Hospital, but died shortly after admission. Green was arrested, committed to the Birmingham Assizes, where she was found guilty of manslaughter, and sentenced to six calendar months' hard labour.

Philip Smith, 16, a caster, was charged with causing the death of Samuel Lines, aged 48, a caster. Prisoner and deceased were employed in the same shop, and on 11th January quarrelled and resorted to blows. Lines was knocked down, and in falling came in contact with a ladle of molten lead which was being carried across the shop by another workman. The contents of the ladle fell over the neck and chest of Lines, causing severe scalds from which he died. Smith was committed to the Birmingham Assizes, where he was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour for manslaughter.

Frederick Blakeman, 27, a wire-worker, was charged with causing the death of Joseph Daw, on 5th February, 1898. This case is the result of a drunken quarrel, terminating in a fight, in which Daw received such injuries that he died on the following morning at the General Hospital. Blakeman was found guilty of manslaughter at the Birmingham Assizes, and sentenced to three calendar months' hard labour.

William Harris, Louisa Harris, and Emily Elizabeth Wilkes were charged with causing the death of Alfred Matthews, aged 58, an Army Pensioner. The prisoners and deceased were relatives, and it is alleged that the latter was of very intemperate habits. On the night of September 8th a quarrel took place between the parties, in which Matthews received such injuries from kicks that he died the same night. Prisoners were arrested and taken before the

Justices, when William Harris and Emily Elizabeth Wilkes were discharged, and Louisa Harris was committed to the Assizes on a charge of manslaughter, where she was found "not guilty."

James Harper, a youth, was arrested for causing the death of Emily Pimm, aged 18 years. Harper and deceased had been keeping each other's company, and an attachment appears to have sprung up between them. On the evening of November 11th, Harper found the girl in conversation with another youth in Summer Lane. After Pimm had left the young man, Harper followed her and brutally assaulted her in the street by knocking her down and kicking her. She was taken home and died two days later. Harper was tried at the Birmingham Assizes and sentenced to six years' penal servitude.

Edward Gotch, 33, a rag gatherer, was charged with causing the death of an elderly man, unknown, at a common lodging house, on Christmas Eve. It appears that prisoner and deceased quarrelled, and in a fight which ensued deceased was knocked down and shortly afterwards expired. Gotch was arrested and committed for trial at the ensuing Assizes.

William Mann, 26, brass dresser, was charged with causing the death of his wife, Emily, aged 28. On the night of the 14th May it was stated in evidence before H.M. Coroner that the woman was drunk and quarrelled with her husband, during which a lighted paraffin lamp was thrown, which burst and caused the deceased to be badly burned. She was removed to the Hospital and detained. During her detention her depositions were taken, in which she stated that she picked up the lamp to throw at her husband; he attempted to evade her, and in doing so the lamp fell from her grasp and exploded. She died a week after her admission to the Hospital, from the effects of the injuries. William Mann was discharged, there being a verdict of "accidental death" returned.

William Williams, 28, cycle saddle maker, was charged with causing the death of his paramour, Clara Jones, aged 32. It appears that on the 12th July the woman was under the influence of drink, and quarrelled with Williams because he had only given

her 10s. to keep house on for the week. Jones struck Williams, and from the evidence given Williams was supposed to have retaliated. There being no corroboration, Williams was discharged, a verdict of "death from natural causes" having been returned.

Ernest Frankel, 27, a labourer, was charged with causing the death of James Perry, aged 30, a labourer. Prisoner and deceased were both employed at the Corporation Interception Department, and on the 11th July were drinking with others in a public house. Perry asked Frankel to give him a pipe of tobacco. Frankel was reluctant to give him any, but did so some time afterwards, remarking "You have been begging tobacco all morning." This remark seemed to somewhat enrage Perry, who challenged Frankel to fight, but their friends interfered and persuaded them to go home together. On the way Perry still persisted in fighting, and several times struck Frankel, who still refrained from striking Perry. Perry kept taunting, and at last in a struggle they fell together, Frankel being topmost. Frankel tried all in his power to assist Perry, who never regained consciousness, and died before a doctor arrived. Frankel was committed to the Assizes, and was sentenced to seven days' hard labour.

INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—The number of these for 1898 is 1,912, against 1788 in 1897. Of the more serious offences—murder, attempts to murder, and manslaughter—a brief account has already appeared in the preceding pages. There is a decrease of 23 in stabbing, wounding, &c. In the apprehensions for burglary and housebreaking there is an increase of 7, and also an increase of 21 for the same offences in crimes committed for 1897. Under the heading of larceny from the person there is a decrease of 5. It is gratifying to note that there is again a decrease of 3 in offences under the Criminal Law Amendment Act, *i.e.*, defilement of girls, indecent assaults on females, &c.

SIMPLE LARCENY.—There is a greater increase under this heading than any other on Table A., the figures for 1898 being 1,229, as against 1,118 in 1897, showing an increase of 111.

RECEIVING.—There is an increase of 2 offences for this crime, the number for 1898 being 14, as against 12 for 1897.

COINING AND UTTERING BASE COIN.—For the past year 5 offences and 5 apprehensions are recorded, showing an increase of 1 offence and 1 apprehension. The five persons proceeded against were charged with uttering.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—There has been an increase of 19 offences and 19 apprehensions under this heading, the figures for 1898 being 73 offences and 73 apprehensions, as against 54 offences and 54 apprehensions during the year 1897. The 73 persons charged consisted of 41 males and 32 females, and in the preceding year 26 males and 28 females.

As will be seen, the total number of Indictable Offences during the year was 1,912, the number of persons proceeded against for these offences being 1,472. The 1,912 crimes were made up as follows :—

GOVERNMENT TABLES.

Offences against the Person (these include Murder, Manslaughter, Wounding) and Offences against the Criminal Law Amendment Act	58
Offences against Property with Violence, viz., Burglary, Housebreaking, Shopbreaking, Assaults and Robbery, &c.... ..	225
Offences against Property without Violence, viz., Simple Larceny, Larceny (Person), Larceny (Servant), Embezzlement, &c. ...	1,532
Malicious Injury to Property	10
Forgery and Offences against the Currency, viz., Forgery, Uttering, Coining, &c. ...	12
Other Offences, viz., Attempted Suicide, &c. ...	75
Total	<u>1,912</u>

The following is a comparative return, for the years 1897 and 1898, of the principal cases dealt with summarily by the Justices:—

Comparative Return of Chief Offences. Persons proceeded against Summarily, Tables B and C, for the years 1897 and 1898.

1897.		1898.		
NATURE OF OFFENCE.	Number of persons proceeded against.	Number of persons proceeded against.	Increase.	Decrease.
Aggravated Assaults	57	56	—	1
Assaulting Police	589	623	34	—
Assaults (common)	1620	1750	130	—
Drunkenness	3824	4109	285	—
Wilful Damage	193	282	89	—
Elementary Education Act (not sending Children to School)...	4081	4135	54	—
OTHER OFFENCES.				
Vagrancy Act: Begging	77	100	23	—
Sleeping out	514	595	81	—
Gaming	976	1276	300	—
Found on enclosed premises	48	50	2	—
Keeping Brothels (Criminal Law Amendment Act)	69	96	27	—
Prostitution	195	263	68	—
Town Police Clauses Act	4154	3301	—	853
Borough Bye-Laws				
Local Acts				
Highway Act, viz.:	1420	2261	841	—
Bicycles				
Offences by Owners & Drivers of Carts				
Obstructions and Nuisances...				
Dogs, Persons not complying with Muzzling Order ...	819	1761	942	—
Army and Navy Act	90	143	53	—
Hackney Carriages, Offences against	183	168	—	15

The total number of cases for non-indictable offences tried summarily is 22,589, being an increase of 2,156 on the year 1897. The increase is general, with few exceptions, and the headings under which the greater increase is found are as follows:—Dogs, owners not complying with the Muzzling Order, 942. Gaming:—Vagrant Act, 300. Drunkenness, 285. Assaults, common and on the Police, 164.

The increase under the heading of Highways Act is brought about by the transfer of offences which were in previous years placed under the Town Police Clauses Act and the Borough and Local Acts (see page 14).

The question of solving the problem of the great increases in the non-indictable offences in this City for the past three years is difficult, and has given rise to a diversity of opinions thereon. Some argue, and with no doubt some degree of truth, that good trade has formed a very potent factor in bringing these about.

It may be added that a great deal of the increase in summary convictions appears not to be unconnected with the Police Act, 1890, under which the Police took their superannuation after a certain period of service, and left the Force, giving room for younger men to be taken on.

By comparing the ages of men now in the Force with those of ten years ago, it is found that in January, 1889, there were 525 Sergeants and Constables serving in the Force against 663 at present. In comparing the number of men between certain ages the difference of the strength of the Force then and now must be taken into consideration. Therefore, raising the number of men between certain ages in 1889 in proportion to the present strength, the following percentages are obtained:—

Year.	PERCENTAGE BETWEEN				
	20 and 30 years.	30 and 40 years.	40 and 50 years.	50 and 60 years.	60 and 70 years.
1889	38·14	33·90	23·61	8·19	1·14
1899	43·74	34·38	16·13	5·58	0·15

In addition to these observations, new Superintendents and Inspectors, with but one exception, have taken charge of the Divisional and Sub-Divisional Stations since 1890.

The particulars of the Offences tried summarily were made up as follows :—

Assaults	...	...	...	...	2,429
Frequenting	...	...	...	...	50
Brothel Keeping	...	...	...	...	96
Cruelty to Animals	...	...	...	...	237
Prostitution	...	...	...	...	263
Malicious Damage to Property...	...	...	...	...	282
Highway Acts, Offences against, viz. :—Bicycles, Owners and Drivers of Carts, Obstructions and Nuisances	...	...	...	...	2,261
Elementary Education Acts	...	...	...	...	4,135
Local Acts and Bye-laws	...	...	...	...	3,301
Vagrancy Act, Offences against, viz. :—Begging, Sleeping out, Gaming, &c.	...	...	...	...	2,117
Sanitary Laws	...	...	...	...	75
Stage and Hackney Carriage Regulations	...	...	...	...	168
Drunkenness, Permitting Drunkenness, &c.	...	...	...	...	4,219
Dogs, Offences in relation to	...	...	...	...	1,761
Army and Navy Acts	...	...	...	...	143
Other Offences	...	...	...	...	1,052
Total	...	...	...	...	22,589

The method of procedure was as follows :—

Arrested without Warrant	...	...	...	8,960
Arrested on Warrant issued in first instance	...	...	...	100
Arrested on Warrant issued on failure to appear to Summons	...	...	...	71
Proceeded against by Summons	...	...	...	13,458
Total	...	...	...	22,589

The following was the result of proceedings :—

Convicted	...	...	...	18,356
Charge withdrawn (no prosecution)	...	...	...	1,493
Charge dismissed (no evidence)	...	...	...	1,110
Discharged under Summary Jurisdiction Act, Section 16 (i.)	...	...	...	1,472
Delivered to Naval and Military Authorities, &c.	...	...	...	143
Committed to Industrial School for not attending School, &c.	...	...	...	15
				22,589

LICENSING ACTS.

The following Table, which was presented at the last Brewster Sessions, shows the offences committed by Licensed Victuallers and Beer Sellers, and the Decisions of the Justices, during the past 12 months ending July 31st, 1898:—

LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

Suffering Betting on Horse Racing	...	4
Suffering Gaming	... ..	1
Permitting Drunkenness	... ..	5
Selling Drink to Drunken Persons	...	5
Drunk in own House	... ..	1
Total	... ..	<u>16</u>

DECISIONS.

Fined £10 and costs and Licence Endorsed	1
Fined £5 and costs and Licence Endorsed	1
Fined £1 and costs	... .. 1
Fined 10 shillings and costs	... .. 2
To pay costs	... .. 2
Dismissed	... .. 5
Withdrawn	... .. 4
Total	... .. <u>16</u>

BEER SELLERS.

Selling without a License	... .. 1
Permitting Drunkenness	... .. 6
Prohibited Hours	... .. 4
Selling Drink to Drunken Persons...	... .. 7
Drunk in own House	... .. 2
Suffering Gaming	... .. 9
Permitting Music to be Played without License	... .. 1
Total	... .. <u>30</u>

DECISIONS.

Fined £5 and costs and Licence Endorsed	1
Fined £3 and costs	1
Fined £2 and costs	2
Fined £1 and costs	3
Fined 10 shillings and costs	2
To pay costs	5
Dismissed	11
Withdrawn	5
Total	30

STRAY DOGS.—During the year special instructions were again given to the Police to remove stray dogs from the streets of the City to the Dogs' Home in New Canal Street, with the results shown in the following Table:—

MONTH.	A Division.	B Division.	C Division.	D Division.	E Division.	TOTAL.
January	107	86	47	107	78	425
February	88	60	65	73	48	334
March	62	41	98	99	49	349
April	109	39	72	82	48	350
May	72	28	56	47	61	264
June	68	41	43	61	42	255
July	68	38	48	60	42	256
August	61	18	22	46	34	181
September	50	30	42	44	38	204
October	49	24	32	32	33	170
November	57	36	39	36	30	198
December	34	33	18	55	41	181
TOTALS	825	474	582	742	544	3,167

The 3,167 dogs were disposed of as follows:—263 were sold, 244 were claimed by their owners, 2,636 were destroyed, and 24 were detained in the Home on December 31st last. Prior to the muzzling order being put into operation the Police took special measures for the removal of stray dogs from the streets, and during the last three years 19,047 were captured and taken to the Dogs' Home.

PUBLIC CARRIAGE DEPARTMENT.—There is a marked increase in the number of hackney carriages, 700 being licensed, against 635 last year.

The number of new vehicles is still large, 133 having been approved during the past 12 months, viz.:—3 tram cars, 49 stage carriages, and 81 hansoms. All the latter were rubber-tyred and furnished in a superior manner.

A general inspection of omnibus and cab horses, &c., has been made by fully qualified Veterinary Surgeons, who reported that the class and condition of the animals were good.

An application has been acceded to by the Watch Committee for permission to run a motor omnibus service in the City.

These vehicles, though not yet licensed, have been tested by experts with a satisfactory result, and may be expected on the roads in a few weeks' time.

EXPLOSIVES AND PETROLEUM DEPARTMENT.—The work of this Department has increased during the year. The Explosives Inspector reports that several prosecutions have been successfully instigated against persons for unlawfully keeping carbide of calcium, and the number of premises licensed has greatly increased. A large number of applications has been made to the Inspector of Explosives from authorities in other towns for the purpose of gleaning information regarding the conditions for the keeping and sale of this substance, which has, as far as possible, been complied with.

Captain Thompson, H.M. Inspector of Explosives, Home Office, Whitehall, visited Birmingham on the 18th October, 1898, and went through a number of premises registered under the "Explosives

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Act, 1875," and Colonel Ford, H.M. Chief Inspector of Explosives, also visited the City and a number of premises licensed under the Petroleum Acts for the keeping of highly volatile products of petroleum. Both expressed themselves as being pleased with the way in which these explosives and highly inflammable oils were kept.

The number of premises now licensed under the said Acts, and brought under the supervision of the Explosives Department, is 1,433.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.—The Association still continues to have a large number of this Force as members. This year, out of 700 members of the Force, 641 hold the First Certificate (an increase of 41), and of these 253 have by re-examination gained the Second Certificate, and 168 the Third. The latter gain the Illuminated Certificates presented by the Watch Committee.

The increased usefulness of the Force in rendering First Aid, is apparent by the number of cases dealt with, viz. :—883, against 689 last year.

The cases comprise :—

Dislocations	...	...	...	...	1
Fractures	...	...	...	...	74
Fits, various	...	...	...	...	187
Burns and Scalds	...	...	...	...	20
Wounds	...	...	...	...	621
Attempted Suicide—Hanging	...	...	...	...	4
„ Poisoning	...	...	...	...	3
„ Drowning	...	...	...	...	2
Sprains	...	...	...	...	7
Dog Bites...	...	...	...	...	2
Suffocation by Gas	5
Apparently Drowned	2
Varicose Veins Burst	3
Poisoning	2
					<hr/>
					883
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Five cases stand out from the above in which the officers acted promptly and skilfully

Case I.—A boy whilst playing with other children on a bridge fell over into the canal, a distance of 35 feet. A Constable witnessed the occurrence 300 yards away. He ran to the spot, pulled off his tunic, and jumping into the water succeeded in rescuing the child as he was sinking for the third time. He then applied artificial respiration and eventually restored consciousness.

II.—A woman attempted suicide by jumping into the canal. A Constable heard a splash, hastened to the canal side, and jumping in brought the woman to the towing path. She was unconscious, but was restored by means of artificial respiration.

III.—A man was working at a gas main in one of the principal streets of the city, when he was overcome by the fumes and rendered unconscious. He was rescued from his position and by means of artificial respiration was restored in 30 minutes sufficiently to be left with his fellow-workmen.

IV.—An escape of gas had occurred at a private house; the inmates had retired to rest, and as they could not be aroused by knocking at the door, the door was burst open and three persons were found unconscious and another partially so. Efforts were then made to restore them, and in each case the treatment was successful.

V.—A man had attempted to commit suicide by strangulation and by cutting his arm with a razor. First Aid was rendered, and in about 45 minutes consciousness was restored. A Doctor who had been sent for then arrived upon the scene.

In all these cases but for the prompt action of the officers in rendering First Aid, in all probability the lives of the persons would not have been saved.

CORONER'S COURT.—I am indebted to Her Majesty's Coroner, Isaac Bradley, Esq., for the valuable information contained in Table 22.

It will be observed that there have been during the year 511
deaths, and the following show the finding of the Juries:—

Murder	4
Manslaughter	6
Suicide whilst insane (Males 33) ...	
„ „ „ (Females 15) ...	48
Accidents	281
Natural causes	112
Other causes	60
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Total	511
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The 281 cases of accidental death include 78 cases of children suffocated while in bed with their parents or others.

LOST CHILDREN.—During the year 2,323 lost children were found by the Police, and 2,318 were restored to their parents or friends, three were sent to the Workhouse, and two to Homes.

Captain the Hon. C. E. Legge, Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabularies for the Midland Counties, inspected the Force on the 8th and 9th July last, and expressed himself satisfied with its efficiency.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOSEPH FARNDALÉ,
Chief Constable.

INDICTABLE AND NON-INDICTABLE TABLES,
A to H,

SYNOPSIS OF GOVERNMENT TABLES,
CRIMINAL AND OTHERWISE.

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RETURN A.—INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—CRIMES

OFFENCE.	Number of Crimes Committed.	Persons Apprehended.					
		Total Number.			Apprehended.		
					Without Warrant.	On Warrant issued in First Instance.	On Warrant issued on Failure to appear to Summons.
		Total.	M.	F.			
Murder (of Persons aged above one year) ...	4	5	3	2	4	1	...
Murder (of Infants aged one Year and under) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Attempt to Murder ...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Manlaughter ...	10	12	9	3	12	...	...
Endangering Railway Passengers ...	1	2	2	...	2	...	...
Malicious wounding and other like offences (Mis- demeanors) ...	30	54	51	3	51	3	...
Cruelty to or neglect of Children ...	2	1	1	...	...	1	...
Indecency with Males ...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Rape ...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Indecent Assaults on Females ...	4	4	4	...	3	1	...
Defilement of Girls under 13 ...	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
Defilement of Girls under 16 ...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Bigamy ...	1	1	1	...	...	1	...
Burglary ...	43	32	32	...	32	...	...
Housebreaking... ..	74	22	20	2	21	1	...
Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, &c. ...	96	56	56	...	56	...	...
Attempts to break into Houses, Shops, Warehouses, etc. ...	11	3	3	...	3	...	...
Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny from the Person ...	139	56	42	14	56	...	...
Larceny by a Servant ...	82	75	69	6	73	2	...
Embezzlement ...	39	31	31	...	21	9	1
Larceny of Post Letters ...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Simple larceny and minor larcenies ...	1229	961	845	116	953	4	1
Obtaining Goods, &c., by false pretences ...	24	15	11	4	12	3	...
Falsifying Accounts ...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Other frauds ...	3	3	2	1	...	3	...
Receiving Stolen Goods ...	14	11	10	1	11	...	...
Destroying Railways ...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Other Malicious Injuries ...	9	5	5	...	5	...	...
Forgery and uttering (felony) ...	4	3	3	...	2	1	...
Forgery (Misdemeanour) ...	3	3	3	...	3	...	...
Uttering or possessing Counterfeit Coin ...	5	5	4	1	5	...	...
Perjury... ..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences ...	1	1	1	...	...	1	...
Suicide (attempting to commit) ...	73	73	41	32	73	...	...
	1912	1443	1258	185	1410	31	2

NOTE.—The number of Larcenies, &c., committed, as stated above, is inclusive of 359 cases where the

COMMITTED.—APPREHENSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Disposal of Persons Apprehended.								Persons (not apprehended) appearing to Summons.				Disposal of Persons appearing to Summons.								Persons whose cases were pending at the end of the year.
Dis- charged.	Tried Summarily and		Bailed to come up for further Examination when required.	Com- mitted for Trial and		Dis- charged.	Tried Summarily and					Bailed to come up for further Examination when required.	Com- mitted for Trial and							
	On the Evidence.	Discharged (Acquitted).		Convicted.	Sent to Prison.		Released on Bail.						On the Evidence.	Discharged (Acquitted).	Convicted.	Sent to Prison.	Released on Bail.			
On withdrawal of Prosecution.	On the Evidence.	Discharged (Acquitted).	Convicted.	Bailed to come up for further Examination when required.	Sent to Prison.	Released on Bail.	Total	M.	F.	On withdrawal of Prosecution.	On the Evidence.	Discharged (Acquitted).	Convicted.	Bailed to come up for further Examination when required.	Sent to Prison.	Released on Bail.				
...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	5	...	...	...	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	25	3	...	...	23	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	...	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	5	...	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	10	...	...	...	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...			
...	2	10	25	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	4	15	46	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	4	25	...	...	...	8	8	...	1	2	4	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
32	15	313	536	...	64	1	9	9	...	...	...	7	2	...	...	...	...
4	3	1	...	...	7	...	3	2	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	3	...	5	...	3	...	3	2	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	3	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
113	81	349	638	...	258	4	29	26	3	4	2	16	7	...	...	...	...

property stolen was of less value than 5s., and no person was apprehended or proceeded against.

RETURN B.—NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—

OFFENCES.	Persons Apprehended.				
	Total Number.			Apprehended.	
	M.	F.	Total.	Without Warrant.	On Warrant Issued in First Instance.
					On Warrant Issued on Failure to Appear to Magistrate.
Adulteration of Food and Drugs	...	...	...	...	...
Aggravated Assaults	52	...	52	40	7
Assaults on Constables	515	66	581	575	4
Common Assaults	711	79	790	707	34
Betting and Gaming	...	...	...	...	...
Brothel Keeping	3	1	4	1	1
Cruelty to Animals	3	...	3	3	...
Cruelty to Children	11	13	24	1	17
Dogs, Offences in relation to	...	...	...	...	...
Elementary Education Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Explosives, Offences in relation to	...	...	...	...	...
Game Laws, Illegal Buying and Selling of Game	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Acts, Offences by Owners and Drivers of Carts	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Acts, Obstructions and Nuisances	150	4	154	152	2
Highway Acts, Bicycles	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent Advertisements	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent Exposure	22	...	22	22	...
Drunkenness	3158	699	3857	3857	...
Permitting Drunkenness on Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences against Public Order	...	...	...	...	...
Illegal Sale of Drink	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against Closing Regulations	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences	...	...	...	...	...
Labour Laws, Offences against, Intimidation	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against Factory Acts	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against Shop Hours Acts	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious Damage to Animals	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious Damage to Fruit, &c.	14	...	14	14	...
Malicious Damage, Other Offences	166	31	197	195	1
Army Act, Offences against	133	...	133	133	...
Navy Act, Offences against	17	...	17	17	...
Offences by Pawnbrokers	...	...	...	...	...
Unlawful Pledging	7	12	19	18	1
Town Police Clauses, Offences against	250	64	314	310	4
Borough Bye-laws, Offences against	764	83	847	846	1
Local Acts and Bye-laws, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Poor Law, Neglecting to Maintain Family, &c.	30	1	31	...	31
Poor Law, Misbehaviour by Paupers	5	4	9	9	...
Offences by Supervisees	6	...	6	6	...
Special Offences by Twice-convicted Persons	5	...	5	4	1
Prostitution	...	263	263	263	...
Railways, Offences in relation to	54	...	54	54	...
Revenue Laws, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Law, Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Law, Local Acts and Bye-Laws	...	...	...	...	...
Stage and Hackney Carriage Regulations, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Animals (not the subject of Larceny at Common Law)	...	...	...	...	...
Stealing Growing Fruit, Plants, Vegetables, &c.	6	...	6	4	2
Streets and Buildings	...	...	...	...	...
Tramway Act, Offences against	1	...	1	1	...
Vagrancy Act, Begging	82	18	100	100	...
Vagrancy Act, Sleeping Out	511	84	595	595	...
Vagrancy Act, Gaming, &c.	837	...	837	837	...
Vagrancy Act, Found in Enclosed Premises	50	...	50	50	...
Vagrancy Act, Frequenting	48	2	50	50	...
Vagrancy Act, Other Offences	73	23	96	96	...
Weights and Measures Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Wild Birds Protection Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences, viz. —	...	...	...	...	...
Infringement of Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...
Making use of False Certificate of Birth	...	...	...	...	...
Selling Bread otherwise than by Weight	...	...	...	...	...
Selling imitation Copyright Pictures	...	...	...	...	...
Contravention of Animals Transit Order, 1895	...	...	...	...	...
Infringement of Merchandise Marks Act	...	...	...	...	...
False Statement to Registrar of Births and Deaths	...	...	...	...	...
Total	7684	1447	9131	8960	100
					71

APPREHENSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Disposal of Persons Apprehended.			Persons dealt with on Summons. (Either on Appearance to Summons or in Absence.)						Cases adjudicated on in Absence of Defendant.		Persons whose cases were pending at the end of the year.
Discharged.	Convicted.	Otherwise Disposed of.	Number.			Disposal.			Dismissals.	Convictions.	
			Males.	Females.	Total.	Discharged.	Convicted.	Otherwise Disposed of.			
...	...	...	86	14	100	14	86	...	...	...	...
1	51	...	4	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...
46	535	...	28	14	42	13	29	...	...	1	...
173	617	...	666	294	960	453	507	...	...	1	...
...	...	...	15	...	15	11	4	...	...	...	...
1	3	...	21	71	92	58	34	...	...	...	...
...	3	...	232	2	234	72	162	...	...	...	...
9	15	...	18	11	29	9	20	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1615	146	1761	48	1713	...	...	55	...
...	...	...	3742	393	4135	806	3314	15	...	1096	...
...	...	...	3	5	8	1	7	...	...	...	...
...
...	...	...	152	1	153	11	142	...	...	3	...
29	125	...	1825	67	1892	424	1468	...	...	75	...
...	...	...	61	1	62	4	53	...	...	...	...
...
3	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
508	3349	...	200	52	252	29	223	...	...	1	...
...	...	...	28	8	36	28	8	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	34	3	37	16	21	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	14	7	21	11	10	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	14	1	15	2	13	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
...
...	...	...	81	2	83	15	68	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
3	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
44	153	...	62	9	71	18	53	...	...	...	...
7	...	126	4	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...
...	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...
6	13	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
68	246	...	1416	118	1534	154	1380	...	...	32	...
75	772	...	476	8	484	101	383	...	...	15	...
...	...	...	61	61	122	30	92	...	...	1	...
3	28	...	1	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
48	215	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11	43	...	68	1	69	7	62	...	...	4	...
...	...	...	334	28	362	51	311	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	21	3	24	2	22	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	51	...	51	3	48	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	168	...	168	33	135	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	9	...	9	9	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	61	1	62	12	50	...	...	...	...
37	63	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
319	276	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
110	727	...	439	...	439	49	390	...	...	17	...
20	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	30	...	30	6	24	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	4	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	6	...	6	...	6	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	45	21	66	2	64	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	8	...	8	...	8	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	2	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
1560	7428	143	12111	1347	13458	2515	10928	15	...	1301	

RETURN C.—CASES TRIED SUMMARILY.—

OFFENCES.	Persons proceeded against	Charge withdrawn.	Charge dismissed.	Defendant discharged under Summary Jurisdiction Act 1879, sec. 16 (1).	Committed to Industrial School.	Number Convicted
(A.) Indictable Offences tried Summarily.						
Simple Larceny	858	250	41	29	...	538
Larceny from the Person	35	3	6	1	...	25
Larceny by a Servant	61	9	5	1	...	46
Embezzlement	34	3	4	1	...	26
Receiving Stolen Goods	8	...	3	...	...	5
Endangering Railway Passengers	2	...	...	2	...	...
Destroying Railways... ..	1	...	...	...	...	1
TOTAL...	999	265	59	34	...	641
(B.) Other Offences tried Summarily.						
Adulteration of Food and Drugs	100	6	1	7	...	86
Assaults, Aggravated	56	...	1	...	...	55
Ditto, on Constable	623	2	28	29	...	564
Ditto, Common	1750	143	421	62	...	1124
Betting and Gaming... ..	15	11	...	...	...	4
Brothel Keeping (Crim. Law Amend. Act, 1885, s. 13)	96	49	10	...	...	37
Cruelty to Animals	237	4	61	7	...	165
Cruelty to Children	53	10	5	3	...	35
Dogs, Offences in relation to	1761	18	30	...	...	1713
Elementary Education Acts, Offences against	4135	806	...	...	15	3314
Explosives, Offences in relation to	8	...	1	...	...	7
Offences by Owners and Drivers of Carts (Highways Act)	153	...	9	2	...	142
Obstructions and Nuisances (ditto)	2046	251	171	31	...	1595
Bicycles (ditto)	62	1	2	1	...	58
Indecent Exposure	22	...	3	...	...	19
Drunkenness, and Drunk and Disorderly	4109	...	17	520	...	3572
Permitting Drunkenness on Licensed Premises	36	14	9	6	...	8
Other Offences against Public Order	37	7	8	1	...	21
Illegal Sale of Drink... ..	21	8	2	1	...	10
Offences against Closing Regulations	15	...	1	1	...	13
Other Offences	1	...	...	1	...	...
Factory Acts, Offences against	83	...	2	13	...	68
Shop Hours Acts	1	...	...	...	...	1
Malicious Damage to Animals	1	...	...	1	...	...
Ditto to Fruit, &c.	14	...	...	3	...	11
Other Offences	268	31	15	16	...	206
Army Act	137	...	7	...	...	4
Navy Act	17	...	...	...	...	...
By Pawnbrokers	2	...	1	1	...	...
By Persons unlawfully Pledging or Disposing	20	4	2	1	...	13
Offences against Town Police Clauses	1848	45	95	82	...	1626
Offences against Borough Bye-laws	1331	44	53	79	...	1155
Offences against Local Acts and Bye-laws... ..	122	9	19	2	...	92
Poor Law Acts, Neglecting to Maintain Family, &c.	33	3	...	...	...	30
Misbehaviour by Paupers	9	...	...	...	...	9
Offences by Supervisees	6	...	1	1	...	4
Special Offences by twice-convicted Persons	5	...	...	...	...	5
Prostitution	263	...	1	47	...	215
Railways, Offences in relation to	123	8	3	7	...	105
Revenue Laws, Offences against	362	7	36	8	...	311
Sanitary Law, Public Health Acts	24	2	...	...	...	22
Ditto, Local Acts and Bye-laws	51	...	1	2	...	48
Stage and Hackney Carriage Regulations	168	1	10	22	...	135
Stealing Animals	1	...	1	...	...	...
Ditto, Growing Fruit, Plants, Vegetables, &c.	6	...	...	...	...	6
Streets and Buildings	9	...	...	9	...	...
Tramway Acts, Offences against	63	4	8	...	...	51
Vagrancy Act, Begging	100	...	...	37	...	63
Ditto, Sleeping out	595	...	...	319	...	276
Ditto, Gaming, &c.	1276	...	49	110	...	1117
Ditto, Found in Enclosed Premises	50	...	12	8	...	30
Ditto, Frequenting	50	...	12	2	...	36
Ditto, other Offences	96	...	...	23	...	73
Weights and Measures Act, Offences against	30	3	2	1	...	24
Wild Birds Protection Acts, Offences against	4	...	...	4	...	...
Other Offences, viz :						
Infringement of Petroleum Act	6	...	...	...	...	6
Making use of False Certificate of Birth	1	...	1	...	...	...
Selling Bread otherwise than by Weight	66	1	...	1	...	64
Selling Imitation Copyright Pictures	8	...	...	...	...	8
Contravention of Animals Transit and General Order, 1895	1	...	...	1	...	...
Infringement of Merchandise Marks Act	2	1	...	...	...	1
False Statement to Registrar of Births & Deaths	1	...	...	...	...	...

PROCEEDINGS AND RESULTS.

SENTENCES.																
Over 6 months.	Imprisonment.						TOTAL.	Ref. School.	Whipping.	Fine.	Recognizances with or without sureties.				Cases in which a Second Punishment is added.	
	6 months and over 3	3 months and over 2	2 months and over 1	1 month and over 14 days.	14 days and under						Probation of First Offenders Act.	Summary Jurisdiction, Art. sec. 16 (2)	Special Statute.	Whipping	Recognizance with or without sureties	Delivered to Naval or Military Authorities (not convicted).
...	6	51	75	102	46	280	15	1	221	21	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	6	3	2	1	14	2	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	6	5	2	4	18	...	...	27	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	3	4	3	10	...	20	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	1	...	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...
...	12	67	88	117	51	335	17	2	265	22	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	86	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	6	27	12	3	...	48	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	12	19	69	94	13	207	...	...	357	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	1	111	166	24	304	...	...	689	...	...	...	...	131	...	...
...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	1	...	2	...	...	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	165	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	3	8	7	8	1	27	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1713	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	3314	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	142	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1593	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	58	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	11	2	1	1	16	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	59	47	106	...	...	3466	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	68	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	1	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	11	12	13	36	...	...	170	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	126
...	17
...
...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	4	4	...	...	1622	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	10	10	20	...	...	1135	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	92	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	3	3	20	4	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	3	...	3	6	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	3	1	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	9	3	12	...	...	203	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	1	2	...	1	102	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	311	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	135	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	3	...	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	51	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	15	47	62	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	57	175	234	2	...	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	3	...	...	16	19	...	...	1098	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	7	6	9	7	29	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	19	6	11	...	36	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	3	1	35	34	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...
...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	64	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

RETURN D.—CASES TRIED SUMMARILY.—

(a)—Indictable Offences tried Summarily.

OFFENCES.	Total Con- victed.	Sex of Persons Convicted.	
		Males.	Fe- males.
A.—Indictable Offences tried Summarily.			
Simple Larceny	538	484	54
Larceny from the Person	25	21	4
Larceny by a Servant	46	40	6
Embezzlement	26	26	...
Receiving Stolen Goods	5	4	1
Destroying Railways	1	1	...
TOTAL	641	576	65
B.—Other Offences tried Summarily.			
Assaults—Aggravated	51	51	...
" On Constable	535	489	46
" Common	617	577	40
Brothel Keeping	3	2	1
Cruelty to Animals	3	3	...
Cruelty to Children	15	8	7
Obstructions and Nuisances	125	122	3
Indecent Exposure	19	19	...
Drunkenness	3349	2825	524
Malicious Damage to Fruit, &c.	11	11	...
" " Other Offences	153	129	24
Unlawful Pledging	13	5	8
Town Police Clauses, Offences against	246	206	40
Borough Bye-Laws, Offences against	772	722	50
Neglecting to Maintain Family, &c.	28	27	1
Misbehaviour by Paupers	9	5	4
Offences by Supervisees	4	4	...
Special Offences by twice convicted persons	5	5	...
Prostitution	215	...	215
Railways, Offences in relation to	43	43	...
Stealing Growing Fruit, Plants, Vegetables, &c.	6	6	...
Tramways Act, Offences against	1	1	...
Vagrancy Act—Begging	63	55	8
" Sleeping out	276	257	19
" Gaming, &c.	727	727	...
" Found in Inclosed Premises	30	30	...
" Frequenting	36	34	2
" Other Offences	73	57	16
TOTAL	7428	6420	1008

AGE AND SEX OF OFFENDERS.

(b)—Non-Indictable Offences.

AGE OF PERSONS CONVICTED.															
Under 12 years.		12 to 16.		16 to 21.		21 to 30.		30 to 40.		40 to 50.		50 to 60.		Above 60.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
...	...	56	2	174	21	152	12	61	14	24	4	12	1	5	...
...	...	2	...	2	2	11	1	4	1	...	...	1	...	1	...
...	...	2	...	9	2	15	3	11	1	3	...	...	...	...	...
...	10	...	9	...	6	...	1	...	...	...
...	1	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
?
1	...	60	2	185	25	189	16	88	16	33	5	14	1	6	...
...	1	...	27	...	14	...	5	...	2	...	2	...
...	133	6	238	36	72	4	35	...	8	...	3	...
...	...	11	...	200	9	220	21	92	7	41	3	10	...	3	...
...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	3	3	4	3	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	27	...	81	3	13	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	7	...	10	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
...	469	78	1559	283	431	106	212	41	89	12	65	4
...
...	...	8	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
...	...	14	...	44	3	46	8	12	8	10	3	3	2	...	...
...	1	1	3	2	1	3	...	2	...	...	...	...
...	...	36	...	82	8	69	24	11	8	8	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	101	10	299	26	181	11	85	3	27	...	20	...	9	...
...	5	1	12	...	10	...	...	...	...	...
...	3	...	2	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...
...	1	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
...	81	...	94	...	31	...	6	...	3	...	...
J	...	1	...	21	...	12	...	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	7	...	27	3	10	2	5	2	4	1	2	...
...	...	19	...	126	1	80	11	19	3	7	1	4	3	2	...
...	...	472	...	219	...	28	...	6	...	1	...	...	...	1	...
...	...	1	...	24	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	16	1	6	...	9	1	1	...	...	...	2	...
...	3	3	23	8	14	2	9	1	6	2	2	...
1	...	691	10	1737	220	2556	507	817	183	377	60	149	24	92	4

SUBJECT OF PROCEEDINGS.	Number % of Applications	Number of Orders made	ORDERS ENFORCED BY IMPRISONMENT.					
			Total.	TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.				
				Over 6 months.	6 months and over 2.	3 months and over 2.	2 months and over 1. over 14 days.	1 month and under 14 days and under.
SURETIES— Order to find Sureties to Keep the Peace or for Good Behaviour	253	116	61	61	
BASTARDY ORDERS	157	131	13	3	10	
MARRIED WOMEN— Maintenance Orders under the Summary •Jurisdiction (Married Women) Act, 1895	283	195	15	5	10	
CHILDREN—Order for payment of Maintenance in Industrial Schools (29 and 30 Vic., cap. 118, ss. 39 and 40) ORDER for payment of Maintenance in Reformatory Schools (29 and 30 Vic., cap. 117, sec. 25)	46	
POOR LAW—Order for Maintenance of Wife, Family, &c.	143	
GOODS UNLAWFULLY DETAINED.—Order for Restoration (2 and 3 Vic., cap. 71, Sec. 40)	22	
" FRAUDULENTLY REMOVED TO AVOID PAYMENT OF REST—Orders to pay double value (11 George II., cap. 19, sec. 4)	61	
EMPLOYERS AND WORKMEN—Orders under Employers and Workmen Act, 1875	33	
SCHOOLS—Orders made under the Elementary Education Act, 1876, sec. 11	1	
Orders made under the Industrial Schools Act, 1866, sec. 14	182	
Elementary Education Act, 1876, sec. 12	559	
CUSTODY OF CHILDREN—Orders under the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Act, 1894	68	
SANITARY LAW—Orders Dealing with Nuisances	15	
Orders for Destruction of Unsound Meat	1	
DANGEROUS AND NEGLECTED STRUCTURES—Orders relating to	5	
Dogs —Orders to keep under Control	4	
Orders to Destroy	26	
SMALL TENEMENTS—Orders for Possession	6	
..	1	
..	1	
..	2	
..	2	
..	78	
..	68	

RETURN F.—Number of Crimes (Indictable Offences) Committed, and of Apprehensions in each Month of the Year.

OFFENCE	CRIMES COMMITTED.												APPREHENSIONS.											
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Murder	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...
Attempt to Murder	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	...
Manslaughter	2	1	...	...	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	1	2	...	2	...	1	...
Endangering Railway Passengers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious wounding and other like offences (Misdemeanors)	4	2	4	6	2	1	2	1	3	2	2	1	6	2	5	12	4	1	7	1	4	4	7	1
Cruelty to or neglect of Children	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indecency with Males	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lapse	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Indecent Assaults on Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Defilement of Girls under 13	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Defilement of Girls under 16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bigamy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Burglary	2	3	2	2	1	1	9	4	3	9	3	4	...	3	...	2	1	1	9	4	3	9	...	...
Housebreaking	6	6	5	7	7	5	6	6	6	5	7	8	1	...	...	...	4	2	4	3	4	...	...	...
Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, &c.	13	6	7	8	7	6	9	7	8	7	8	10	13	2	2	5	7	2	4	5	...	7	5	4
Attempt to Break into Houses, Shops, Warehouses, &c.	3	2	1	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny from the Person	13	9	12	11	13	14	8	13	9	13	10	14	8	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny by a Servant	8	6	13	7	7	5	9	3	2	5	7	10	7	5	11	7	5	4	9	3	2	5	7	10
Larceny of a Servant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Embezzlement	3	...	7	6	4	2	6	...	6	...	2	2	1	...	6	3	4	2	4	...	6	1	2	2
Larceny of Post Letters	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Simple larceny and other equivalent offences	107	103	96	96	101	109	98	97	107	97	103	115	75	90	79	67	87	93	90	69	78	76	85	72
Obtaining Goods, &c., by false pretences	2	1	4	2	3	...	2	3	1	2	1	3	1	1	4	...	...	2	2	1	1	2	1	2
Falsifying Accounts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Frauds	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Receiving stolen goods	1	1	1	2	...	1	...	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	3
Destroying Railways...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Malicious Injuries	1	1	3	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	...
Forgery and Uttering (Felony)	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Forgery (Misdemeanour)	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Uttering or possessing Counterfeit Coin	...	...	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Perjury	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Suicide (attempt to commit)	9	4	3	7	6	12	7	9	5	4	5	2	9	4	3	7	6	12	7	9	5	4	5	2
Total	182	146	162	162	156	158	162	148	155	149	156	176	135	114	115	120	123	124	144	102	115	117	126	108

RETURN G.—PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.

POLICE DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.				DISPOSAL OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.								CONDUCT OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION. (Exclusive of Persons removed to other Districts.)				
	In District at commencement of year.	Entered district during year.		TOTAL.	Supervision expired.	Supervision remitted by Secretary of State.	Removed to other Districts.	Sent to Prison.	Missing and Gazetted.	Left England.	Died.	Under Supervision in District at end of year.	On Indictment.	Summarily only.	Convicted during the year.	Suspected to be living dishonestly but not Convicted during the year.	Known or believed to be living honestly.
		From Prison.	From other Districts.														
City of Birmingham	105	160	21	226	57	1	24	34	25	1	84		32	2	93	75	

RETURN H.-HABITUAL CRIMINALS AT LARGE, HOUSES OF BAD CHARACTER,
POPULATION OF DISTRICT, AND STRENGTH OF POLICE FORCE.

POLICE DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF HABITUAL CRIMINALS AT LARGE.								NUMBER OF HOUSES OF BAD CHARACTER.				Strength of Police Force.	Population of Police District.					
	TOTAL NUMBER.				Thieves.		Receivers.		Other Habitual Criminals.		TOTAL NUMBER.	Houses of Receivers of Stolen Goods.							
	Total.		M.		F.		M.		F.			Houses frequented by Thieves.							
												Public Houses.			Beer Houses.		Other Houses.		
City of Birmingham	241	194	47	107	26	8	61	13	...	...	11	...	...	8	700	478,113		

TABLES OF STATISTICS, &c.

TABLE I.

TABLE showing the strength of the Police Force (exclusive of additional Constables), the Area of the City in Acres, and the average Acreage to each Constable; the Population of the City in 1891, and the average Population to each Constable.

Strength of Police Force (exclusive of 16 additional Constables)	700
Area in Acres	12,705
Acreage to each Constable	18
Population in 1891, Census 1891	478,113
Population to each Constable	683

TABLE II.
RETURN of authorised POLICE FORCE, and allowances as allowed to
each Rank and Class on the 31st day of December, 1898.

Total authorised number of each Rank and Class on the 31st Dec., 1898.	RANKS AND CLASSES.			Total actual number of each Rank and Class on the 31st Dec., 1898.	Rates and Pay of each Rank and Class, as allowed on the 31st December, 1898.		Allowance for Boots or Clothing when not provided.	
					Rates of Weekly Pay.	Rates of Yearly Pay.	Allowance for Boots.	Allowance for Plain Clothes.
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
1	Chief Constable	...	...	1	.....	900 0 0	.....	£20
1	Deputy-Chief Constable	...	...	..	.....	250 0 0		
1	Chief Clerk	...	...	1	.....	200 0 0		
1	Detective Superintendent	...	...	1	.....	230 0 0		
7	Superintendents	1st Class	...	3	.....	220 0 0	} £2 10s. 6d. Annually.	
		2nd "	...	...	.....	200 0 0		
		3rd "	...	3	.....	180 0 0		
		4th "	...	...	.....	160 0 0		
25	Inspectors	1st Class	...	9	.....	130 0 0	} £2 0s. 0d. Annually.	
		2nd "	...	8	.....	119 12 0		
		3rd "	...	8	.....	109 4 0		
71	Sergeants	1st Class	...	17	2 0 0	.....	} £2 0s. 0d. Annually.	
		2nd "	...	24	1 18 0	.....	
		3rd "	...	10	1 16 0	.....	
		4th "	...	18	1 14 0	.....	
	Constables, 1st Long Service Class			118	1 12 0	.....	
	"	2nd "	"	57	1 11 0	.....	
593	Constables	1st Class	...	114	1 10 0	.....	} 7s. 6d. per Quarter.	
		2nd "	...	118	1 8 0	.....	
		3rd "	...	132	1 6 0	.....	
		4th "	...	36	1 5 0	.....	
				22	1 4 0	.....	
700	Total Force			700				

N.B.—There is a Progressive Pay, viz.: Superintendents, a 2, and 2 and 3 years' scale; Inspectors, a 3 and 4 years' scale from date of promotion; Sergeants, 3, 3 and 3 years; Constables on appointment receive 24/- per week; after 6 months, 25/- per week; after another 6 months, 26/- per week; after 4 years, 28/- per week; after 7 years, 30/- per week; after 10 years, 31/- per week; after 15 years, 32/- per week. There are also Merit Classes of 1/- and 2/- per week for Sergeants, -/8, 1/-, and 2/- per week for Constables.

In accordance with the terms of the Merit Class 6 Sergeants are receiving 2/- and 12 1/- per week; 10 Constables are receiving 2/- per week; 12 1/- per week; and 43 -/6 per week.

TABLE III.
RETURN showing how the additional Constables are employed.

By whom appointed.	By whom Paid.	RANKS.				TOTAL.
		Supts.	Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Constables.	
Watch Committee ...	War Department ...	...	...	...	3	3
" ...	Poor Law Guardians ...	...	1	...	...	1
" ...	Markets Committee...	...	...	1	7	8
" ...	Birmingham and Warwick Canal Co.	...	...	...	1	1
" ...	Health Committee ...	...	...	2	...	2
" ...	Water Department ...	...	...	1	...	1
" ...	Birmingham Small Arms Co.	...	...	...	...	3
TOTAL ...		...	1	4	14	19

TABLE IV.
 RETURN showing the length of Service and certain Ages of the Members of the Authorised Strength
 of the Police Force for the Year ended 31st December, 1898.

RANKS.	PERIODS OF SERVICE.						AGES.	
	Under 5 years.	5 years and under 10 years.	10 years and under 15 years.	15 years and under 20 years.	20 years and under 25 years.	25 years and upwards.	Under 21 years.	Above 60 years.
Chief Constable ...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Chief Clerk ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Superintendents ...	...	...	...	1	2	4	...	...
Inspectors ...	...	1	6	8	6	4	...	1
Sergeants ...	...	5	29	21	12	2	...	...
Constables ...	213	192	63	59	62	8	...	...
Total ...	213	198	98	90	83	18	...	1

TABLE V.
 RETURN showing the variations which have taken place in the Force during the Year ended
 31st December, 1898.

RANKS.	Resigned.	Dismissed.	Super-annuated.	Deceased.	Absconded.	Total Left the Force.	Total Joined the Force.
Chief Constable	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Superintendents	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Inspectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sergeants	...	...	2	...	...	3	...
Constables	44	...	4	4	...	52	67
TOTALS.	44	...	6	5	...	55	67

TABLE VI.
POLICE ESTABLISHMENT and CHARGES for the Year ended December 31st, 1898, and Four preceding Years.

POPULATION LAST CENSUS.		ESTABLISHMENT.							COST OF ESTABLISHMENT.											
		Chief Constable.	Deputy Chief Constable.	Chief Clerk.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Additional Constables.	Detective Officers.	TOTAL.	Salaries and Pay.	Allowances and Contingent Expenses.	Clothing and Accountments.	Superannua- tions and Gratuities paid during the Year. (Other than those paid out of Super- annuation Fund.)	Horses, Harness, Forage, &c.	Buildings, Station House Charges, Printing, Stationery, &c.	Other Miscellaneous Charges.	Total Cost.	Superannua- tions and Gratuities paid out of Superannua- tion Fund.
1898	478,113	1	1	1	7	25	71	568	19	26	719	£ 57,996	£ s. d. 4 5 1502 8	£ s. d. 8 4,322 0	£ s. d. 2 25 4 0	£ s. d. 320 10 7	£ s. d. 3,880 19 3	£ s. d. 3,723 9 1	£ s. d. 71,770 16 2	£ s. d. 8,434 14 5
1897	478,113	1	1	1	7	25	71	568	16	26	716	£ 56,595	£ s. d. 9 4 2336 12	£ s. d. 3 4,313 7	£ s. d. 7 25 4 0	£ s. d. 236 17 1	£ s. d. 4,146 16 4	£ s. d. 3,368 14 3	£ s. d. 71,028 0 10	£ s. d. 9,148 8 5
1896	478,113	1	1	1	7	23	70	571	13	26	713	£ 57,656	£ s. d. 14 2 1391 11	£ s. d. 8 4,670 13	£ s. d. 8 15 15 0	£ s. d. 340 10 8	£ s. d. 4,182 2 9	£ s. d. 3,083 13 3	£ s. d. 71,291 6 2	£ s. d. 8,208 5 3
1895	478,113	1	1	...	7	19	70	542	14	25	679	£ 54,145	£ s. d. 13 3 1387 13	£ s. d. 7 3,309 14	£ s. d. 2 14 14 0	£ s. d. 312 18 8	£ s. d. 6 9 6,052 6	£ s. d. 2,839 10 8	£ s. d. 68,062 11 1	£ s. d. 7,124 8 8
1894	478,113	1	1	...	7	20	71	540	14	25	677	£ 53,792	£ s. d. 14 0 1756 16	£ s. d. 8 4,088 14	£ s. d. 3 13 16 0	£ s. d. 359 3 10	£ s. d. 4,488 12 6	£ s. d. 2,674 0 1	£ s. d. 67,178 17 4	£ s. d. 7,423 0 5

TABLE VII.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons charged with being Drunk, and Drunk and Disorderly; also showing the Number of Persons charged with other offences committed while in a state of Drunkenness, during the years ended 31st December, 1898, and Four preceding years.

OFFENCE.	1898	1897		1896		1895		1894
Drunk, and Drunk and Disorderly	3,670	3,055		2,897		2,840		2,937
Drunkenness, accompanied with other offences ...	4,286	3,970		3,383		3,019		3,239

TABLE VIII.

Trades and Occupations of the Persons who were Drunk when
Apprehended during the year ended 31st December, 1898.

TRADES.	Drunk and Disorderly		Drunk and Incapable.		Drunk and Assaulting Police.		Drunk and other Assaults.		Drunk and other Offences.		TOTAL
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Agents and Travellers ...	32	...	21	...	3	...	...	...	4	...	60
Bakers, Confectioners, &c. ...	2	...	5	...	2	...	4	...	1	...	14
Barbers ...	7	...	5	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	18
Barmen and Barmaids ...	3	1	7	6	2	...	2	...	3	...	24
Bicycle Makers ...	49	...	53	...	21	...	8	...	9	...	140
Blacksmiths and other Workers in Metal	77	...	89	...	27	...	3	...	4	...	200
Boatmen ...	8	...	3	...	6	...	2	...	5	...	24
Brass Casters ...	61	...	38	...	10	...	5	...	8	...	122
Brass Polishers ...	114	11	55	3	31	4	23	...	8	...	249
Butchers ...	7	...	11	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	22
Cabinet Makers and French Polishers	5	1	9	3	7	...	1	...	1	...	27
Cabdrivers, Coachmen, Grooms, &c. ...	22	...	95	...	3	...	5	...	...	...	125
Charwomen ...	...	21	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Carters ...	37	...	75	...	3	...	...	...	2	...	117
Clerks ...	11	...	18	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	33
Coopers, &c. ...	19	...	10	...	3	...	2	...	1	...	35
Dressmakers, Seamstresses, &c. ...	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	6
Drovers and Cattlemen ...	9	...	5	...	7	...	1	...	...	...	22
Engineers and Fitters ...	51	...	62	...	12	...	1	...	1	...	127
Farmers, &c. ...	5	...	14	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	22
Firemen (Stokers) ...	12	...	17	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	35
Gardeners, Florists, &c. ...	2	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	5
Glass Blowers, Cutters, &c. ...	12	...	22	...	7	...	1	...	...	...	42
Gunmakers, Browners, &c. ...	7	...	14	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	24
Hawkers ...	81	12	51	3	17	...	9	...	7	...	180
Iron Casters ...	42	...	27	...	14	...	9	...	8	...	100
Jewellers ...	12	...	29	...	3	...	5	...	4	...	53
Joiners, Carpenters, &c. ...	7	...	23	...	8	...	...	...	3	...	41
Labourers ...	501	...	111	...	43	...	28	...	21	...	704
Laundresses ...	...	9	...	17	...	1	...	...	...	1	28
Lawyers, Doctors, & other Professionals	9	...	14	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	25
Masons, Bricklayers, Plasterers, &c. ...	83	...	42	...	2	...	5	...	3	...	135
Merchants, Brokers, &c. ...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	4
Miscellaneous Trades ...	111	3	75	8	9	...	11	...	5	2	224
No Trade ...	1	279	3	233	...	3	...	8	...	3	530
Painters, Paperhangers, &c. ...	29	...	27	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	62
Pearl Workers ...	23	...	30	3	4	...	1	...	2	...	63
Porters ...	75	...	32	...	5	...	10	...	6	...	128
Pressworkers ...	...	23	...	27	...	2	...	2	...	1	55
Printers, &c. ...	22	...	19	...	5	...	2	...	1	...	49
Prostitutes ...	...	100	...	36	...	5	...	5	...	2	148
Publicans, Beersellers, &c. ...	3	...	7	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	11
Reporters ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sailors ...	5	...	7	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	15
Servants ...	...	3	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	9
Shoemakers ...	12	...	9	...	6	...	1	...	...	...	28
Shopkeepers and Assistants ...	7	...	14	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	23
Soldiers ...	18	...	12	...	7	...	3	...	2	...	42
Sweeps ...	3	...	5	...	3	...	5	...	...	...	16
Tailors ...	14	...	23	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	40
Warehousemen and Keepers ...	9	...	13	3	1	...	1	...	2	...	29
TOTAL ...	1619	465	1206	380	292	15	159	16	124	10	4286

TABLE IX.

RETURN showing the number of persons proceeded against summarily for Assaults on the Police during the Years ended 31st December, 1898, and four preceding years.

YEAR.	Number of Persons proceeded against.	Number of Persons convicted.
1898	623	564
1897	589	562
1896	457	433
1895	372	349
1894	492	442

TABLE X.

RETURN showing the number of Persons proceeded against for Larceny and other Indictable Offences: triable Summarily for the Years ended 31st December, 1898, and Four preceding Years.

	YEARS.				
	1898	1897	1896	1895	1894
Summary Jurisdiction Act 	999	902	751	840	1,036

TABLE XI.
 RETURN of Persons between the ages of 7 and 16 years, who have been apprehended by the Police and taken before the Magistrates, also showing the character of the offence for which they were charged, during the years ended December 31st, 1898, and four preceding years.

AGE AND SEX.														OFFENCE.										Va-grancy.				
		7		8		9		10		11		12		13		14		15		TOTAL.		Felony.			Misde-meanour.		Drunk-ennes.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1898	...	1	8	1	19	1	33	3	54	1	100	8	140	9	252	15	350	14	932	53	281	32	455	12	1	...	185	9
1897	5	1	8	3	21	...	43	3	65	4	104	12	146	16	221	7	303	8	911	54	277	30	420	10	1	...	213	14
1896	...	2	14	1	22	5	37	2	64	2	98	6	141	4	176	6	213	15	754	43	240	23	160	24	4	...	341	16
1895	9	...	21	1	18	...	39	3	68	5	73	9	130	11	124	3	178	17	638	49	230	15	121	4	1	1	277	21
1894	5	...	15	1	33	3	52	5	69	8	93	7	108	9	150	18	216	12	765	63	268	28	318	12	1	...	148	18

TABLE XII.

RETURN of the Number of Public Houses, Cider Houses, and Refreshment Houses with Wine Licenses; also showing the Number proceeded against, the Number Convicted, and the Number deprived of Licenses for Misconduct, during the years ended 31st December, 1898, and Four preceding years

PUBLIC HOUSES.					BEER HOUSES.				CIDER HOUSES ONLY.				REFRESHMENT HOUSES WITH WINE LICENSE.			
	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.
1898	653	16	7	2	1589	30	14	--	1	..	..	..	18	..	..	..
1897	663	13	8	..	1607	27	23	1	2	..	..	..	17	..	..	..
1896	661	9	6	..	1607	23	17	..	2	..	..	..	15	..	..	..
1895	666	30	11	1	1616	38	19	3	2	..	..	..	16	..	..	..
1894	669	8	4	0	1632	39	24	4	2	..	..	..	19	..	..	..

* Of the 1589 under the head "Beer Houses," 803 are licensed to sell Beer to be consumed on the premises, 166 for Beer and Wine "On," 451 are licensed to sell Beer to be consumed off the premises, and 169 are Dealers and Miscellaneous Licenses licensed to sell Beer, Wine or Spirits.

TABLE XIII.

RETURN Showing the Number of Premises registered for the storage of Gunpowder and Mixed Explosives, and the Number of small Fire work Factories and Stores for Mixed Explosives, licensed under the Explosives Act, 1875 ; also the number of Premises Licensed under the Petroleum Acts, 1871 to 1881, during the year ended December 31st, 1898.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.				PETROLEUM ACTS, 1871 to 1881.			
Number of Premises Registered for the Storage of Gunpowder.	Number of Premises Registered for the Storage of Mixed Explosives.	Small Firework Factory.	Stores for Mixed Explosives.	Total Registered.	Number of Places Licensed for the Storage of Petroleum.	Number of Places Licensed for the Storage of Carbide of Calcium.	Total Licensed.
90	1058	1	2	1151	236	46	282

TABLE XIV.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons summoned under the Explosives and Petroleum Acts, the Number Convicted, and the total Amount of Fines and Costs inflicted.

	Number of Persons Summoned.	Number of Persons Convicted.	Total Amount of Fines Inflicted.	Total Amount of Costs Paid.
Explosives Act ..	2	2	£ 5 0 0	£ 1 0 0
Petroleum Act ...	6	6	21 10 0	3 6 0

TABLE XV.

RETURN showing the amount of Money received for the Registration of Premises for the storage of Gunpowder and Mixed Explosives and the Amount received for Licenses under the Petroleum Acts.

EXPLOSIVES ACT.			PETROLEUM ACTS.		
Amount received for Registration of Premises, and Store License.			Amount received for Licenses.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
57	19	0	70	10	0

TABLE XVI.

RETURN showing the numbers of Hackney Carriages, Hackney Carriage Drivers, the number of whose Licenses have been Revoked or Suspended; and the number of Articles found in the Vehicles during the Year ended 31st December, 1898, and corresponding period of 1897.

YEAR.	HACKNEY CARRIAGES.				HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS.				ARTICLES FOUND.			
	Number of Licensed Hackney Carriages	Number of Proprietors.	Number of Proprietors holding more than one license.	Number of Proprietors holding only one license.	Number of Hackney Carriage Drivers Licensed.	Number of Hackney Carriage Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number whose Licenses have been suspended.	Number of Articles found	Number of Articles returned to the Owners.	Number given up to Drivers.	Number waiting to be claimed.	
1898 . . .	700	165	104	61	792	18	18	578	268	173	137	
1897 . . .	635	162	90	72	713	13	22	542	227	155	160	

TABLE XVII.

RETURN showing the numbers of Cars, Drivers, and Conductors Licensed on Tramways; also the numbers of Omnibuses and Brakes, Drivers and Conductors Licensed; the number of whose Licenses have been Revoked or Suspended; and the number of Articles found in Tram Cars, Omnibuses, or Brakes, and brought to the Public Carriage Office, also the number of such Articles given up to Owners or Conductors, and the number waiting to be owned, during the year ended 31st Dec., 1898, and corresponding period of 1897.

YEAR.	TRAM CARS.						OMNIBUSES AND BRAKES.						ARTICLES FOUND.				
	Number of Tram Cars Licensed.	Number of Tram Car Drivers Licensed.	Number of Tram Car Conductors Licensed.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Omnibuses and Brakes Licensed.	Number of Drivers Licensed.	Number of Omnibuses and Brakes (Conductors Licensed.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Articles Found.	Number of Articles Returned to Owners.	Number of Articles Given up to Finder.	Number waiting to be Claimed.	
1898	163	328	461	—	1	—	—	233	342	563	2	4	3	2259	1004	608	647
1897	159	288	468	—	—	1	—	208	289	421	2	6	—	2120	910	630	580

TABLE XVIII.

Return of the Number of Pedlars' Certificates granted in the Birmingham Police District during the year ended 31st December, 1898.

Number of Certificates granted.	Amount of Money received for Granting Certificates and paid to Borough Fund.
356	£ 89 s. 0 d. 0

TABLE XIX.

Return of the Number of Cattle and Vehicles found in the Streets by the Police and impounded by them; also showing how they were disposed of, for the year ended 31st December, 1898, the Amount received, and to what Account paid.

The Number of Cattle or Vehicles found in the Streets.	Number of Cattle or Vehicles restored to owners.	Number of Cattle or Vehicles sold, not being owned.	Paid to Improvement Account.	Paid to Superannuation Account.
402	396	6	£34 4s. 0d.	£6 1s. 0d.

TABLE XX.

Return showing the Number of Accidents caused by Steam, Cable, and Electric Trams, and other Vehicular Traffic in the Streets for the Year ended 31st December, 1898.

Accidents caused by Trams.			Accidents by other Vehicles.	Total.	Proprietors.
Steam.	Cable.	Electric.			
50	16	1	554	621	City of Birmingham Co. 34 Birmingham & Midland 10 Aston Tram Co. ... 6 City of Birmingham Co. 16 (Cable Trams.) City of Birmingham Co. 1 (Electric Trams.)

TABLE XXI.

A RETURN showing the number of Premises Found Open by the Police between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., for the twelve months ended December 31st, 1898.

PREMISES FOUND INSECURE.

DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES.	By Doors BEING LEFT OPEN.	By Windows BEING LEFT OPEN.	By OTHER MEANS.	TOTAL.	INCREASE ON LAST YEAR.	DECREASE ON LAST YEAR.
Shops	1,540	54	6	1,600	36	...
Warehouses, &c.	198	14	5	217	...	56
Factories	488	9	11	508	...	70
Dwelling Houses	2,124	201	4	2,329	..	21
Other Premises not included as above	731	11	42	784	..	53
	5,081	289	68	5,438	36	200



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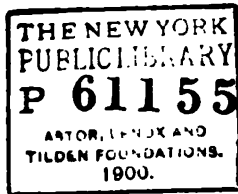
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Ex-Officio.

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Marked thus (*) are also Justices of the Peace.

Birmingham,

26th February, 1900.

AT A MEETING OF THE WATCH COMMITTEE, held on
the 26th day of February, 1900,

MR. COUNCILLOR WATERS IN THE CHAIR.

ANNUAL POLICE RETURNS.

The Chief Constable submitted Statistical Returns for the
Year ended 31st December, 1899.

Resolved,

“That the Returns be printed, and that a copy be sent to each
City Magistrate and Member of the Council.”

REPORT.

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S OFFICE,

CORPORATION STREET,

26TH FEBRUARY, 1900.

*To the Chairman and Members
of the Watch Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the Criminal Statistics and other Miscellaneous Returns for the year ending 31st December, 1899.

The authorised strength of the Police Force on the 31st December last was 700, and 18 additional Constables (who are paid for under the Acts 3 and 4 Vict., cap. 88, sec. 19). The actual strength was 685 ; their nationalities being—602 English, 48 Irish, 22 Welsh, 11 Scotch, 1 Dutch, and 1 German ; their average height being 5 feet 10½ inches.

During the year 48 were called upon to resign, 2 were dismissed for misconduct or inefficiency, 18 were superannuated, 5 died ; and moreover 12 men were called up to rejoin their respective regiments.

Sixty-three men joined the Force during the year.

Of the 685 effective men, 208 are under five years' service ; 200 between five and ten years ; 103 between ten and fifteen years ; 80 between fifteen and twenty years ; 81 between twenty and twenty-five years ; and 13 twenty-five years and upwards.

There were 137 members on the Superannuation list on 31st December last, viz., 1 Chief Constable, 6 Superintendents, 11 Inspectors, 26 Sergeants, and 93 Constables. In addition to these, there are the two children of the late P.C. Snipe, who met with his death in the execution of his duty.

DETECTIVE DEPARTMENT.—This Department consists of 1 Superintendent, 6 Inspectors, (including 1 Clerk), 11 Sergeants (including 1 Clerk), and 10 Constables (including 2 Clerks). In addition several Constables in plain clothes, in conjunction with Detectives, have been employed at Divisions.

The value of property reported to the Police as having been stolen or fraudulently obtained within the City during the year was £6,425 19s. 3d., of which goods, &c., to the value of £2,141 19s. 8d. were recovered, or 33 per cent. of the whole.

On referring to Government Table "G" it will be seen that the number of Convicts on License and persons subject to Police Supervision who lived in Birmingham during 1899 is 190. This number includes criminals who have been convicted for almost every class of serious crime. The Detectives have been instrumental in obtaining employment for several of these men, and in many instances those who have been found work have reformed.

**Comparative Return of Chief Offences—Return A—for the
Years 1898 and 1899.**

1898.			1899.				REMARKS.
OFFENCE.	Total Offences.	Persons Apprehended.	Total Offences.	Persons Apprehended.	Increase of Offences.	Decrease of Offences.	
Murder, Adult	4	5	1	1	--	3	
Attempts to Murder	1	1	1	1	—	—	
Manslaughter	10	12	9	15	—	3	
Wounding (Misdemeanour) ...	30	54	33	36	3	—	
Offences against "Criminal Law Amendment Act"	8	8	9	9	1	—	
Burglary and Housebreaking...	117	54	96	81	—	21	
Warehouse Breaking	96	56	124	62	28	—	
Forgery and uttering (Felony) &c.	4	3	6	4	2	--	
Robbery, with violence	1	—	1	2	--	—	
Larceny from the Person	139	56	156	77	17	—	
Larceny by Servants	82	75	86	67	4	--	
Larceny, Simple	1229	961	1267	819	38	—	
Embezzlement	39	31	48	33	9	—	
Receiving	14	11	24	22	10	—	
Attempted Suicides	73	73	63	63	—	10	
Obtaining Goods, &c., by False Pretences	24	15	45	27	21	—	
Uttering or possessing Counter- feit Coin	5	5	5	7	—	—	

WILFUL MURDER.—There has been 1 case, viz., John Crowson, 45, clerk, was charged with causing the death of Sarah Ann Dolman, with whom he lived. On the night of the 24th of November last Crowson was the worse for drink. A man named Harvey saw him home and remained at the house. When he left the accused seemed to be on good terms with Dolman. At half-past two o'clock the following morning the prisoner was seen by Police Constable Baxter kicking at a door, and in answer said, "I and my 'missis' have had a few words, and she has dropped down dead." A doctor was called to the house, where he found the deceased lying dead on the kitchen floor, with a bruise on her left cheek and a cut through her right ear. From the post-mortem examination of the body it was found that the wound on her right ear caused her death, and might have been done by falling against the oven door. The jury at the Assizes were of opinion that there was really no case, and discharged the accused.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.—There has been one case, viz., Joseph Greatrex, 19, labourer, who was charged with attempting to shoot P.C. 15c, Frederick Lawrence, with intent to murder. On 12th February last, Greatrex with several other youths were gambling in Wiggin Street, with cards. P.C. Lawrence arrested two of them who tried to get away. P.C. heard a shot from behind him, and turning round saw Greatrex about nine yards away with a revolver raised in his hand and in the act of firing. Lawrence "ducked" his head just as the prisoner fired, and he heard the bullet strike some boards at the other side of the road. The constable saw the prisoner in the act of taking aim at his head again, and turning the youth that he had in custody round in front of him, the constable said, "Now fire." Greatrex then ran away. He was followed and afterwards arrested and taken to Dudley Road Police Station, where he was charged with shooting with intent to murder. Corroborative evidence was given by P.C. Myers, and Henry Sanson, butcher, 80, Salisbury Road, Smethwick. Greatrex was committed to the assizes, where he was convicted and sentenced to three calendar months' hard labour.

MANSLAUGHTER.—There have been nine cases, for which 15 persons have been apprehended.

Thomas Henry Johnson, aged 17, a labourer, was charged with causing the death of Albert Edward Stevens. The evidence showed that Stevens had on the 8th July last been drinking, and that after leaving the Red Lion public-house, Lawley Street, met the accused, who asked Stevens for a drink of beer, which he was carrying in a jug. Stevens put the jug down and went towards Johnson. As he did so, Johnson struck him on the forehead and ran away. Stevens afterwards attended the General Hospital, where his injury was attended to. He returned from that institution with his wounds undressed, and said he would not allow them to dress it because they wanted to stitch it. On the following day he became delirious, and remained so until his death on the 13th inst. Death was due to inflammation caused by the wound. A verdict of "Manslaughter" was returned, and Johnson was committed to the Assizes for trial, and sentenced to one calendar month's hard labour.

Mary Ann Willmott, aged 36, married, was charged with causing the death of her son Thomas, aged 27 days. William Willmott, husband of the accused, gave evidence, in which he stated that, for the past seven years, she had led a most intemperate life. He stated that his wife had been proceeded against for neglecting the child who is still alive, but the case was adjourned to give her an opportunity to amend. During the course of the Coroner's Inquiry the Doctor was called, and stated that he was asked to visit the house of Willmott, which he did, and examined the child, whom he found to be in an extremely emaciated condition, and only weighing 3lb. 9ozs. He at once ordered it to the Queen's Hospital, where it died on the 19th instant—cause of death being improper feeding. A verdict of "Manslaughter" was returned, and Mary Ann Willmott was committed to the Assizes, where she was found guilty of "Manslaughter," and sentenced to six calendar months' hard labour.

Joseph Neal, 49, brasscaster; George Neal, 29, brasscaster; Joseph Kent, 40, boot finisher; Caleb Weston, 27, brasscaster; and Albert Williams, 25, carter, were charged with causing

the death of William Henry Barratt, aged 27, brasscaster. It appears that all the above, including the deceased, were drinking together in the Globe Inn (licensed house), Thomas Street, on 19th of August last, when an altercation took place respecting the possession of a chair, when the landlord of the house stopped them. Albert Williams and his brother Thomas left the house; they returned a little before eleven o'clock, and having been supplied with refreshments, left after a stay of a few minutes, and took up a position near the entrance to Prince Arthur Street. The accused shortly afterwards commenced to throw bottles, and a melee ensued, in which a chopper and hammer were used. Deceased was found on the floor apparently drunk, but on examination it was found that he was injured. He was taken to the Queen's Hospital, where it was found he was suffering from a fractured skull, which extended over three inches, from the effects of which he died at the Institution on the 21st of August. The Coroner's Jury, after considering their verdict, found that the deceased met his death by violence, caused by George and Joseph Neal. The two men were therefore committed for trial at the assizes, where they were found not guilty and discharged.

Robert Sharpe, 38, blacksmith, was charged with causing the death of William Howard by striking him on the head with a blacksmith's "set." Deceased went to a yard in Moor Street where Sharpe worked and provoked him, whereupon Sharpe forcibly ejected him. The evidence showed that he was not struck, but during his ejection from the yard his head came in contact with a piece of iron, from which effect he died. Sharpe was committed to the Assizes and acquitted.

Ernest Edward Potter, 22, cellarman, was charged with causing the death of Herbert Jones, Washwood Heath, by striking him on the head. The evidence showed though the man died from an injury to his head, it was uncertain how it was inflicted. The charge against Potter was therefore withdrawn, and he was acquitted.

Thomas Holtom, 22, labourer, was charged with causing the death of Alfred Price, bookmaker, of Washwood Heath. On July the 17th last the deceased was under the influence of drink, he

quarrelled with Holtom, in the Custard House Inn, Blake Lane. The men fought, and deceased received a black eye. On the following day he was taken ill. A doctor was sent for, and on his arrival it was found that he was in a state of coma following epilepsy, the result of the blow. The evidence showed that Price provoked the assault, and that Holtom only struck in self-defence. Holtom was committed to the Assizes, where he was acquitted.

Mary Jane Onslow, 38, married, was charged with causing the death of her daughter, Agnes May Onslow, aged 1 year and 10 months. The evidence showed that Onslow was addicted to drink, and neglected her children. At the post-mortem examination of the body it was found that the child had died from exhaustion. Onslow was committed to the Assizes, where she was sentenced to 18 calendar months.

Joseph Heath, 49, labourer, was charged with causing the death of his wife, Hannah Heath, aged 48. On the night of 16th July, Annie Wyvel, the daughter of deceased, called at her father's house and found her mother lying in a chair as though asleep, but was afterwards found by her son James Heath, lying in the fender, where it was supposed she had fallen, causing a scalp wound, from which she succumbed on the same night. The Coroner's Jury returned an open verdict, and the accused was discharged.

John Lee, galvanizer; James Cooper, 19, labourer; and Arthur Griffiths, 21, labourer; were charged with causing the death of John McGanley, 60, a cycle maker. On the night of the 27th August last, deceased was standing on the doorstep of his own house, whilst several people, including a man named Long, his mother and wife, had a dispute with him. Long was the worse for drink and wanted to fight deceased, but was prevented. Lee, Cooper, and Griffiths crossed the road to where the dispute was going on, and Lee, who had a brick in his hand, threw it at deceased, striking him on the head, causing him to stagger backwards. McGanley was conveyed to the General Hospital, where it was found that the bones of the face had been fractured, from which injuries he died on the 1st of August. The prisoners were committed to the Assizes on a charge

of manslaughter, where they were found guilty and sentenced, John Lee to 18 calendar months, and James Cooper and Arthur Griffiths each to 12 calendar months' hard labour.

INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—The number of these for 1899 is 2,017, against 1,912 in 1898. Of the more serious offences—murder, attempts to murder, and manslaughter—a brief account has already appeared in the preceding pages. In the apprehensions for burglary and housebreaking there is an increase of 27, but a decrease of 21 for the same number of offences as compared with 1898. Under the heading of larceny from the person there is an increase of 17.

SIMPLE LARCENY.—There is an increase under this heading of 38, the figures for 1899 being 1,267, as against 1,229 in 1898.

RECEIVING.—There is an increase of 10 offences for this crime, the number for 1899 being 24, as against 14 for last year.

COINING AND UTTERING BASE COIN.—For the past year 5 offences and 7 apprehensions are recorded, showing an increase of 2 apprehensions. The five persons proceeded against were charged with uttering.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—There has been a decrease of 10 offences and 10 apprehensions under this heading, the figures for 1899 being 63 offences and 63 apprehensions, as against 73 offences and 73 apprehensions during the year 1898. The 63 persons charged consisted of 35 males and 28 females, and in the preceding year 41 males and 32 females.

As will be seen, the total number of Indictable Offences during the year was 2,017, the number of persons proceeded against for these offences being 1,394. The 2,017 crimes were made up as follows :—

GOVERNMENT TABLES.

Offences against the Person (these include Murder, Manslaughter, Wounding) and Offences against the Criminal Law Amendment Act	62
Offences against Property with Violence, viz., Burglary, Housebreaking, Shopbreaking, Assaults and Robbery, &c.	234
Offences against Property without Violence, viz., Simple Larceny, Larceny (Person), Larceny (Servant), Embezzlement, &c. ...	1,642
Malicious Injury to Property	2
Forgery and Offences against the Currency, viz., Forgery, Uttering, Coining, &c. ...	11
Other Offences, viz., Attempted Suicide, &c. ...	66
Total	<hr/> 2,017 <hr/>

The following is a comparative return, for the years 1898 and 1899, of the principal cases dealt with summarily by the Justices:—

Comparative Return of Chief Offences. Persons proceeded against Summarily, Tables B and C, for the years 1898 and 1899.

1898.		1899.		
NATURE OF OFFENCE.	Number of persons proceeded against.	Number of persons proceeded against.	Increase.	Decrease.
Aggravated Assaults	56	61	5	—
Assaulting Police	623	585	—	38
Assaults (common)	1750	1602	—	148
Drunkenness	4109	3728	—	381
Wilful Damage	282	199	—	83
Elementary Education Act (not sending Children to School)...	4135	4975	840	—
OTHER OFFENCES.				
Vagrancy Act: Begging	100	82	—	18
Sleeping out	595	582	—	13
Gaming	1276	1140	—	136
Found on enclosed premises	50	33	—	17
Keeping Brothels (Criminal Law Amendment Act)	96	113	17	—
Prostitution	263	199	—	64
Town Police Clauses Act	3301	3326	25	—
Borough Bye-Laws				
Local Acts				
Highway Act, viz.:	2261	2304	43	—
Bicycles				
Offences by Owners & Drivers of Carts				
Obstructions and Nuisances...				
Dogs, Persons not complying with Muzzling Order ...	1761	1107	—	654
Army and Navy Act	143	118	—	25
Hackney Carriages, Offences against	168	146	—	23

The total number of non-indictable offences tried summarily is 21,984, being a decrease of 655 on the year 1898. The decrease is general, with few exceptions, and the headings under which the greater decrease is found are as follows :—Assaults (common) and on the police, 186 ; drunkenness, 381 ; Vagrancy Act, 167 ; dogs, owners not complying with muzzling order, 654 ; wilful damage, 83 ; and prostitutes, 64. The decrease of 654 in the prosecution of owners of dogs not complying with the “muzzling order,” is attributable to the “muzzling order” being discontinued, by order of the Board of Agriculture, in October last. For fuller information see page 18.

The particulars of the Offences tried summarily were made up as follows :—

Assaults	...	...	...	...	1,360
Frequenting	...	...	...	...	66
Brothel Keeping	...	...	...	...	113
Cruelty to Animals	...	...	...	...	286
Prostitution	...	...	...	...	199
Malicious Damage to Property...	...	...	...	...	208
Highway Acts, Offences against, viz. :—Bicycles, Owners and Drivers of Carts, Obstructions and Nuisances	...	...	...	...	2,304
Elementary Education Acts	...	...	...	...	4,975
Local Acts and Bye-laws	...	...	...	...	3,326
Vagrancy Act, Offences against, viz. :—Begging, Sleeping out, Gaming, &c.	...	...	...	...	1,804
Sanitary Laws	...	...	...	...	66
Stage and Hackney Carriage Regulations	...	...	...	...	146
Drunkenness, Permitting Drunkenness, &c.	...	...	...	...	3,858
Dogs, Offences in relation to	...	...	...	...	1,107
Army and Navy Acts	...	...	...	...	118
Other Offences	...	...	...	...	1,998
Total					21,984

The method of procedure was as follows :—

Arrested without Warrant	...	...	...	8,166
Arrested on Warrant issued in first instance	...	...	...	88
Arrested on Warrant issued on failure to appear to	...	...	...
Summons	...	...	...	62
Proceeded against by Summons	...	...	...	13,618
Total	...	...	...	<u>21,934</u>

The following was the result of proceedings :—

Convicted	...	...	...	...	17,768
Charge withdrawn (no prosecution)	...	...	...	...	1,587
Charge dismissed (no evidence)	...	...	...	...	1,012
Discharged under Summary Jurisdiction Act,	...	...	...	...
Section 16 (i.)	...	...	...	...	1,450
Delivered to Naval and Military Authorities, &c.	...	...	...	...	111
Committed to Industrial School for not attending	...	...	...	...
School, &c.	...	...	...	...	6
					<u>21,934</u>

LICENSING ACTS.

The following Table, which was presented at the last Brewster Sessions, shows the offences committed by Licensed Victuallers and Beer Sellers, and the Decisions of the Justices, during the past 12 months ending August 31st, 1899 :—

LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

Selling without License	...	...	...	1
Suffering Gaming	...	...	...	6
Permitting Drunkenness	...	...	...	11
Refusing to Admit Police	...	..	..	1
Selling Drink to Drunken Persons...	...	...	...	2
Drunk in own House	...	...	...	1
Permitting Music without License, Pro-	...	...	...
hibited Hours	...	...	...	4
Total	...	...	...	<u>26</u>

DECISIONS.

Fined £10 and costs...	...	...	...	1
Fined £5 and costs ...	...	...	...	1
Fined £3 and costs ...	...	...	...	1
Fined £2 and costs ...	...	...	...	2
Fined 30 shillings and costs	...	...	...	1
Fined 20 shillings and costs	...	...	...	4
Fined 10 shillings and costs	...	...	...	1
To pay costs ...	...	...	...	6
Dismissed ...	...	...	...	3
Withdrawn ...	...	...	...	6
Total	...	...	...	<u>26</u>

BEER SELLERS.

Selling without a License ...	...	...	...	1
Permitting Drunkenness ...	...	...	...	2
Prohibited Hours ...	...	...	...	8
Selling Drink to Drunken Persons...	...	...	...	3
Drunk in own House ...	...	...	...	3
Suffering Gaming ...	...	...	...	10
Permitting Music to be Played without License ...	...	...	...	1
Permitting Riotous Conduct ...	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	<u>29</u>

DECISIONS.

Fined £5 and costs and Licence Endorsed	...	...	...	3
Fined £3 and costs ...	...	...	...	1
Fined £2 and costs ...	...	...	...	5
Fined 30 shillings and costs	...	...	...	1
Fined £1 and costs ...	...	...	...	3
Fined 10 shillings and costs	...	...	...	4
Fined 5 shillings and costs ...	...	...	...	1
To pay costs ...	...	...	...	5
Dismissed ...	...	...	...	2
Withdrawn ...	...	...	...	4
Total	...	...	...	<u>29</u>

STRAY DOGS.—During the year special instructions were again given to the Police to remove stray dogs from the streets of the City to the Dogs' Home in Canal Street, with the results shown in the following Table :—

MONTH.	A		C	D	E	TOTAL.
	Division.	Division.	Division.	Division.	Division.	
January	46	44	57	97	34	278
February	31	47	37	62	37	214
March	22	55	42	70	43	232
April	56	31	38	38	39	202
May	53	30	31	48	43	205
June	49	23	37	39	55	203
July	57	20	26	36	28	167
August	57	13	19	27	22	138
September	50	14	20	22	26	132
October	47	12	18	12	6	95
November	45	5	0	3	0	53
December	36	6	0	30	21	93
TOTALS	549	300	325	484	354	2,012

PUBLIC CARRIAGE DEPARTMENT.—During the past 12 months, 81 new vehicles have been licensed, viz. : 6 Tram Cars, 22 Stage Carriages, 37 Cabs, and 16 Cars ; the cabs were all rubber tyred, of superior build, and fitted with the latest improvements.

At the present time 1,089 vehicles are licensed to ply for hire within the City, viz. : 658 Hackney Carriages, 255 Stage Carriages, and 176 Tram Cars.

During the past year, new licenses have been issued to 52 Hackney Carriage Drivers, 26 Stage Carriage Drivers, 162 Stage Carriage Conductors, 37 Tram Drivers, and 232 Tram Conductors.

The total number of men now licensed to act as drivers or conductors of public vehicles, is 2,613, viz. : 821 Hackney Carriage Drivers, 353 Stage Carriage Drivers, 575 Stage Carriage Conductors, 340 Tram Drivers, and 524 Tram Conductors.

Fully qualified veterinary surgeons have from time to time inspected the horses working in Omnibuses, Cabs, etc., and their reports as to the condition and class of the animals were satisfactory.

Two inspections of Public Vehicles have been held during the year, the first in May, and the second in November. As a result of the inspections, the licenses of 105 vehicles, which had from various causes become unfit for public service, have been refused or allowed to lapse.

This means that in time a corresponding number of new vehicles will be placed on the streets.

There is an increase of 315 in the number of articles dealt with by the Lost Property Branch of the Public Carriage Department. No less than 3,223 articles of various descriptions have been passed through the books ; this number is made up as follows :—

	283 Purses.
	1,005 Umbrellas and Walking Sticks.
	122 Books.
	376 Parcels.
	166 Pairs of Gloves.
	8 Watches and Chains.
	2 Clocks.
	166 Articles of Wearing Apparel.
	162 Bags, Baskets, and Portmanteaus.
	45 Articles of Jewellery.
	888 Sundries (which include a typewriting machine, surgical and musical instruments, false teeth, and cooking utensils).
Total ...	<u>3,223</u>

The estimated value of the 3,223 articles is about £400.

The 283 purses contained coin, notes, and cheques to the value of £178 18s. 8½d. The lowest amount found in any of the purses was a farthing, and the highest £20 10s. 0d.

The 3,223 articles were disposed of as follows:—1,385 were delivered to owners, 965 given up to finders, and 873 are at the Lost Property Office waiting claimants.

EXPLOSIVES AND PETROLEUM DEPARTMENT.—During the year there have been 51 additional premises licensed and registered under the Explosives Act, and 28 additional premises licensed under the Petroleum Acts for the keeping of highly volatile products of Petroleum and Carbide of Calcium.

The number of premises now licensed under the said Acts, and brought under the supervision of the Inspector of Explosives, is 1,512, against 1,433 last year.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.—The Association still continues to have a large number of this Force as members. This year, out of 700 members of the Force, 630 hold the First Certificate, and of these 298 have by re-examination gained the Second Certificate, and 228 the Third. The latter gain the Illuminated Certificates presented by the Watch Committee.

The increased usefulness of the Force in rendering First Aid is apparent by the number of cases dealt with, viz.:—1,051, against 883 last year.

The cases comprise:—

Dislocations	...	...	...	...	6
Fractures	...	...	...	...	77
Fits, various	...	...	...	...	91
Burns and Scalds	...	...	...	...	31
Wounds	...	...	...	...	813
Attempting Suicide	...	...	...	...	23
Sprains	...	...	...	...	10
					<hr/>
					1,051
					<hr/>

It is gratifying to find that out of these cases the aid rendered was the means of saving the lives of four persons, viz. :—

1.—A boy was playing near the Edgbaston Reservoir when he accidentally fell in, and was taken out in an unconscious condition. Two Constables promptly arrived and at once commenced to apply artificial respiration. After about 20 minutes the boy recovered.

2.—A child, about 18 months old, fell into a tub of water, and was pulled out in an unconscious condition. A Police Sergeant hearing of the occurrence hurried to the place where the child was and found it had not recovered. He applied artificial respiration for about 20 minutes and was successful in restoring animation. The Police Sergeant has since been rewarded by the Royal Humane Society with one of their Certificates.

3.—A woman attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the canal. A Constable hearing the splash ran at once to the canal side, saw the woman struggling in the water, plunged into the canal and brought her out. He at once resorted to artificial respiration, and his efforts were eventually rewarded by the woman recovering.

4.—A woman who had jumped into the canal was rescued by two men. A Constable hearing of the occurrence went immediately to the canal side, where he found the woman in an unconscious condition. He applied artificial respiration for some considerable time before he had the satisfaction of seeing the woman revive.

In these four cases the doctors, who were subsequently called, stated that but for the officers' skill and promptitude the lives of these persons would in all probability have been lost.

It will be observed that there have been during the year 636 Inquests, and the following show the finding of the Juries :—

Murder	...	...	...	...	...	3
Manslaughter	...	...	...	...	...	9
Suicide whilst insane	(Males 38)	...	}			
"	"	(Females 11)				
Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	355
Natural causes	...	.	...	...	...	179
Other causes	...	...	...	...	...	46
Total						636

The 355 cases of accidental death include 81 cases of children suffocated while in bed with their parents or others.

LOST CHILDREN.—During the year 2,025 lost children were found by the Police, and 2,021 were restored to their parents or friends, three were sent to the Workhouse, and one to Dr. Barnardo's Home.

During the past year the number of premises found insecure by the Police were 6,138.

Captain the Hon. C. E. Legge, Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabularies for the Midland Counties, inspected the Force on the 25th and 26th September last, and expressed himself satisfied with its efficiency.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES HAUGHTON RAFTER,

Chief Constable.

INDICTABLE AND NON-INDICTABLE TABLES,
A to H.

SYNOPSIS OF GOVERNMENT TABLES,
CRIMINAL AND OTHERWISE.

Indictable Offences, Crimes Committed, Apprehensions and Proceedings	TABLE A.
Non-Indictable Offences, Apprehensions and Proceedings	B.
Cases tried Summarily. Proceedings and Results	C.
Cases tried Summarily. Age and sex of the Offenders	D.
Quasi-criminal Proceedings	E.
Monthly Returns of Indictable Offences and Apprehensions	F.
Persons under Police Supervision	G.
Suspected Persons at large, and houses of bad character	H.

RETURN A.—INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—CRIMES

OFFENCE.	Number of Crimes Committed.	Persons Apprehended.					
		Total Number.			Apprehended.		
					Without Warrant.	On Warrant issued in First Instance.	On Warrant issued on Failure to appear to Hummons
		Total.	M.	F.			
Murder (of Persons aged above one year) ...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Attempt to Murder ...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Manslaughter ...	9	15	13	2	11	4	...
Wounding & other Acts endangering Life (Felonies)	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
Endangering Railway Passengers ...	5	2	2	...	2	...	...
Malicious wounding and other like offences (Misdemeanors) ...	33	36	30	6	29	7	...
Attempts to Commit Unnatural Offences ...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Indecency with Males ...	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
Rape ...	4	4	3	1	3	1	...
Indecent Assaults on Females ...	2	1	1	...	...	1	...
Bigamy ...	2	2	1	1	2	...	...
Sacrilege (Robbing Places of Worship) ...	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
Burglary ...	42	44	44	...	44	...	...
Housebreaking... ..	54	37	34	3	37	...	...
Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, &c. ...	124	62	62	...	62	...	...
Attempts to break into Houses, Shops, Warehouses, etc. ...	8	6	6	...	6	...	...
Entering with intent to commit Felony ...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Possession of Housebreaking Tools, &c. ...	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob ...	1	2	2	...	2	...	...
Larceny of Horses, Cattle, and Sheep ...	3	6	6	...	5	1	...
Larceny from the Person ...	156	77	51	26	77	...	...
Larceny in House, to the value of £5, or with menaces	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny by a Servant ...	86	67	60	7	64	3	...
Embezzlement ...	48	33	33	...	16	15	2
Simple larceny and minor larcenies ...	1267	819	668	151	810	9	...
Obtaining Goods, &c., by false pretences ...	45	27	24	3	21	6	...
Falsifying Accounts ...	2	2	2	...	...	2	...
Other Frauds ...	6	6	6	...	3	3	...
Receiving Stolen Goods ...	24	22	14	8	22	...	...
Other Malicious Injuries ...	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
Forgery and uttering (Felony) ...	6	4	4	...	2	2	...
Uttering or possessing Counterfeit Coin ...	5	7	5	2	7	...	...
Perjury... ..	1	1	1	...	...	...	1
Habitual Drunkenness ...	2	2	...	2	2	...	...
Suicide (attempting to commit) ...	63	63	35	28	63	...	...
	2017	1361	1121	240	1304	54	3

NOTE.—The number of Larcenies, &c., committed, as stated above, is inclusive of 362 cases where the

COMMITTED.—APPREHENSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Disposal of Persons Apprehended.										Disposal of Persons appearing to Summons.									
On withdrawal of Prosecution.	Discharged.	Tried Summarily and		Bailed to come up for further Examination when required.	Com-mitted for Trial and		Persons (not apprehended) appearing to Summons.			On withdrawal of Prosecution.	Discharged.	Tried Summarily and		Bailed to come up for further Examination when required.	Com-mitted for Trial and		Persons whose cases were pending at the end of the year.		
		On the Evidence.	Discharged (Acquitted).		Convicted.	Sent to Prison.	Released on Bail.	Total	M.			F.	On the Evidence.		Discharged (Acquitted).	Convicted.		Sent to Prison.	Released on Bail.
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	5	...	...	...	8	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	2	...	3	3	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...
3	15	...	...	...	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	16	...	...	...	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	16	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	9	...	...	...	53	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	5	18	30	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...		
2	...	5	47	...	12	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	6	25	...	2	...	4	4	...	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...
35	33	230	448	...	71	2	18	18	...	8	4	...	6	...	...	...	...
...	7	...	...	...	20	...	5	4	1	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	4	8	...	8	...	2	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
62	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
104	118	264	558	...	317	5	33	31	2	13	11	...	9	...	...	...	...

property stolen was of less value than 5s., and no person was apprehended or proceeded against.

RETURN B.-NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES.--

OFFENCES.	Persons Apprehended.				
	Total Number.			Apprehended.	
	M.	F.	Total.	Without Warrant.	On Warrant issued in First Instance.
Adulteration of Food and Drugs	...	...	...	...	...
Aggravated Assaults	48	2	50	42	7
Assaults on Constables	470	73	543	530	9
Common Assaults	679	88	767	710	25
Betting and Gaming	...	...	...	...	...
Brothel Keeping	...	1	1	...	1
Cruelty to Animals	9	...	9	8	1
Cruelty to Children	5	5	10	...	8
Diseases of Animals Act, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Dogs, Offences in relation to	...	...	...	...	...
Elementary Education Act, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Explosives, Offences in relation to	...	...	...	...	...
Fishery Laws, Offences against	3	...	3	3	...
Highway Acts, Offences by Owners and Drivers of Carts	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Acts, Obstructions and Nuisances	182	9	191	182	9
Highway Acts, Bicycles	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent Advertisements	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent Exposure	18	...	18	18	...
Drunkenness	2837	648	3485	3479	6
Permitting Drunkenness on Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences against Public Order	...	...	...	...	...
Illegal Sale of Drink	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against Closing Regulations	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences	...	...	...	...	...
Labour Laws, Offences under Truck Acts	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against Factory Acts	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against Shop Hours Acts	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious Damage to Fences, &c.	2	...	2	2	...
Malicious Damage to Fruit, &c.	7	...	7	7	...
Malicious Damage, Other Offences	98	27	125	125	...
Army Act, Offences against	100	...	100	100	...
Navy Act, Offences against	14	...	14	14	...
Offences by Pawnbrokers	...	...	...	...	...
Unlawful Pledging	8	10	18	17	1
Town Police Clauses Acts, Offences against	12	3	15	13	1
Borough Bye-laws, Offences against	868	145	1013	1008	5
Local Acts and Bye-laws, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Poor Law, Neglecting to Maintain Family, &c.	32	3	35	...	34
Poor Law, Misbehaviour by Paupers	4	3	7	7	...
Poor Law, Stealing or Destroying Workhouse Closes	1	...	1	1	...
Poor Law, Other Offences	2	...	2	2	...
Prevention of Crimes Acts, Offences by Licence Holders	1	...	1	1	...
Prevention of Crimes Acts, Offences by Supervisees	4	...	4	4	...
Special Offences by Twice-convicted Persons	1	...	1	1	...
Prostitution	...	199	199	199	...
Railways, Offences in relation to	71	4	75	75	...
Revenue Laws, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Law, Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Law, Local Acts and Bye-Laws	...	...	...	...	...
Stage and Hackney Carriage Regulations, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Stealing Growing Fruit, Plants, Vegetables, &c.	16	...	16	16	...
Streets and Buildings	...	...	...	...	...
Tramways Act, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Begging	73	9	82	82	...
Vagrancy Act, Sleeping Out	488	94	582	582	...
Vagrancy Act, Gaming, &c.	757	...	757	757	...
Vagrancy Act, Found in Enclosed Premises	30	3	33	32	1
Vagrancy Act, Frequenting	66	...	66	66	...
Vagrancy Act, Living on Prostitute's Earnings	2	...	2	1	1
Vagrancy Act, Other Offences	69	13	82	82	...
Weights and Measures Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Wild Birds Protection Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Other	...	...	...	...	...
Offences, viz. :—	...	...	...	...	...
Selling Bread otherwise than by Weight	...	...	...	...	...
Infringement of Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...
Withholding Book of Trade Society	...	...	...	...	...
Withholding Moneys of Friendly Society	...	...	...	...	...
Applying False Trade description	...	...	...	...	...
Infringement of Copyright Pictures	...	...	...	...	...
Purchasing less than 56lbs. weight of Brass	...	...	...	...	...
Total	6977	1339	8316	8166	88

APPREHENSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Disposal of Persons Apprehended.			Persons dealt with on Summons. (Either on Appearance to Summons or in Absence.)			Cases adjudicated on in Absence of Defendant.			Persons whose cases were pending at the end of the year.
Discharged.	Convicted.	Otherwise Disposed of.	Number.			Disposal.			
			Males.	Females.	Total.	Discharged.	Convicted.	Otherwise Disposed of.	
...	...	...	89	16	105	12	93	...	...
...	50	...	11	...	11	...	11	...	...
23	520	...	35	7	42	5	37	...	...
162	605	...	604	231	835	427	408	...	...
...	...	...	2	1	3	2	1	...	...
...	1	...	27	85	112	84	28	...	...
1	8	...	274	3	277	67	210	...	...
1	9	...	14	17	31	11	20	...	...
...	...	...	7	...	7	4	3	...	...
...	...	...	1032	75	1107	64	1043	...	3
...	...	...	4436	539	4975	795	4174	6	1357
...	...	...	4	2	6	2	4	...	...
...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	200	2	202	17	185	...	...
50	141	...	1763	67	1830	337	1493	...	27
...	...	...	78	3	81	4	77	...	...
...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...
3	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
418	3067	...	192	51	243	37	206	...	2
...	...	...	34	...	34	28	6	...	...
...	...	...	40	9	49	23	26	...	...
...	...	...	2	1	3	2	1	...	...
...	...	...	34	4	38	7	31	...	...
...	...	...	3	3	6	4	2	...	...
...	...	...	2	...	2	2	...	...	...
...	...	...	100	2	102	27	75	...	1
...	...	...	8	...	8	5	3	...	...
2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
34	91	...	60	14	74	41	33	...	...
...	1	...	99	3	4	2	2	...	...
2	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	4	...	4	3	1	...	...
2	16	...	2	...	2	2	...	...	...
6	9	...	1570	121	1691	185	1506	...	23
125	888	...	442	27	469	89	380	...	9
...	...	...	65	73	138	41	97	...	1
7	28	...	4	1	5	1	4	...	...
1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
54	145	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	57	...	107	5	112	28	84	...	...
...	...	...	267	21	288	31	257	...	5
...	...	...	24	1	25	8	17	...	...
...	...	...	41	...	41	5	36	...	4
...	...	...	145	1	146	34	112	...	...
8	8	...	13	...	13	...	13	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...
...	...	...	38	...	38	11	27	...	...
16	66	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
373	209	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
114	643	...	383	...	383	97	286	...	...
19	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
33	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...
23	59	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...
...	...	...	33	2	35	1	34	...	2
...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...
...	...	...	9	8	17	1	16	...	...
...	...	...	9	...	9	...	9	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...
...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...
...	...	...	4	...	4	...	4	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...
1109	6708	111	10999	1905	12904	9550	11029	6	1434

RESULTS.

	SENTENCES.							Cases in which a Second Punishment is added.		
	14 days and under	TOTAL.	Ref. School.	Whipping.	Fine.	Probation of First Offenders Act.	Recognizances with or without sureties.	Whipping	Recognizances with or without sureties	Otherwise disposed of.
(A.) Indictable										
Simple Larceny	19	238	10	1	188	...	17	...	...	...
Larceny from the	2	19	1	...	8	...	2	...	...	...
Larceny by a Serf	...	24	1	...	20	...	2	...	...	...
Embezzlement	...	18	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...
Obtaining Goods,	1	...	...	...
Receiving Stolen	...	5	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...
Endangering Rail	1	...	...	...	...	...
Habitual Drunken	1
	21	304	12	1	227	...	23	...	...	1
(B.) Other Off										
Adulteration of	93	...	...	...	...	...
Assaults, Aggrava	...	51	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto, on Constab	16	214	...	...	342	...	1	...	...	...
Ditto, Common	21	268	...	...	636	...	109	...	...	...
Betting and Gam	1	...	...	...	...	...
Brothel Keeping (...	1	...	...	28	...	...	...	...	...
Cruelty to Anima	218	...	...	...	...	...
Cruelty to Childr	...	26	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Diseases of Anim	3	...	...	...	...	...
Dogs, Offences in	1043	...	...	...	...	...
Elementary Educ	4174	...	...	...	...	...
Explosives, Offe	4	...	...	...	...	...
Fishery Laws, Off	3	...	...	...	...	...
Offences by Own	185	...	...	...	...	...
Obstructions and	1634	...	...	...	...	...
Bicycles (ditto)	77	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent Avertis	2	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent Exposur	...	10	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
Drunkenness, and	19	90	...	...	3183	...	...	...	...	...
Permitting Drun	6	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences ag	26	...	...	...	...	...
Illegal Sale of Dr	1	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against	31	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences	2	...	...	...	...	...
Offences under T
Factory Acts, Off	75	...	...	...	...	...
Shop Hours Act	3	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious Damage
Ditto to Fruit, &	4	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences	2	19	...	...	105	...	...	...	...	...
Army Act	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	99
Navy Act	12
By Pawnbrokers	1	...	...	...	...	...
By Persons unlaw	16	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against	...	1	...	...	1514	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against	10	29	...	...	1236	...	...	...	...	...

RETURN D.—CASES TRIED SUMMARILY.—

(a)—Indictable Offences tried Summarily.

OFFENCES.	Total Con- victed.	Sex of Persons Convicted.	
		Males.	Fe- males.
A.—Indictable Offences tried Summarily.			
Simple Larceny	454	365	89
Larceny from the Person	30	20	10
Larceny by a Servant	47	41	6
Embezzlement	26	26	...
Obtaining Goods, &c., by False Pretences	1	1	...
Receiving Stolen Goods	8	4	4
Endangering Railway Passengers	1	1	...
TOTAL	567	468	109
B.—Other Offences tried Summarily.			
Assaults—Aggravated	50	48	2
" On Constable	520	453	67
" Common	605	546	59
Brothel Keeping	1	...	1
Cruelty to Animals	8	8	...
Cruelty to Children	9	5	4
Fishery Laws, Offences against	3	3	...
Obstructions and Nuisances	141	137	4
Indecent Exposure	15	15	...
Drunkenness	3067	2572	495
Malicious Damage to Fruit, &c.	4	4	...
" " Other Offences	91	67	24
Military Law, Offences against	1	1	...
Unlawful Pledging	16	8	8
Town Police Clauses, Offences against	9	7	2
Borough Bye-Laws, Offences against	888	781	107
Neglecting to Maintain Family, &c.	28	24	4
Misbehaviour by Paupers	6	3	3
Stealing or Destroying Workhouse Clothes	1	1	...
Poor Law, Other Offences against	2	2	...
Offences by Supervisees	4	4	...
Special Offences by twice convicted persons	1	1	...
Prostitution	145	...	145
Railways, Offences in relation to	57	54	3
Stealing Growing Fruit, Plants, Vegetables, &c.	8	8	...
Vagrancy Act—Begging	66	60	6
" Sleeping out	209	175	34
" Gaming, &c.	643	643	...
" Found in Inclosed Premises	14	14	...
" Frequenting	33	33	...
" Living on Prostitute's Earnings	2	2	...
" Other Offences	59	49	10
TOTAL	6706	5728	978

AGE AND SEX OF OFFENDERS.

(b)—Non-Indictable Offences.

AGE OF PERSONS CONVICTED.															
Under 12 years.		12 to 16.		16 to 21.		21 to 30.		30 to 40.		40 to 50.		50 to 60.		Above 60.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
...	...	37	6	135	42	120	26	45	8	13	4	8	...	7	3
...	...	1	1	2	4	11	3	4	1	1	...	1	...	...	1
...	...	3	...	7	2	17	4	11	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
...	4	...	15	...	5	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	1	2	1	...	2	1	...	...	...
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	42	7	149	48	163	34	68	10	18	6	11	...	7	4
...	3	...	25	1	14	1	4	...	1	...	1	...
...	90	7	236	35	87	14	28	9	9	2	3	...
...	...	2	...	90	8	259	27	110	14	56	9	23	1	6	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	3	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
...	...	23	...	83	2	29	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	2	...	6	...	4	...	...	...	1	...
...	245	46	1455	226	506	132	228	58	88	21	50	12
1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	12	...	32	9	15	11	3	3	2	1	3	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	3	2	2	4	1	1	...	1	...	...
...	5	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
...	...	7	...	157	28	430	60	115	14	47	5	14	...	11	...
...	1	1	14	3	7	...	2	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	1	...	...
...	1	...	...	...
...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	32	...	69	...	34	...	7	...	3	...	...
...	27	...	13	3	10	...	3	...	...	...	1	...
...	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...
...	4	...	14	1	20	2	18	2	1	1	3	...
...	...	4	1	68	2	45	8	23	15	23	6	9	2	3	...
...	...	503	...	129	...	8	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	6	...	5	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
...	14	...	13	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	2	...
...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	1	8	1	16	5	16	3	5	...	2	...
1	...	547	1	943	127	2584	447	958	253	446	105	160	33	89	12

RETURN E.—QUASI-CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.

SUBJECT OF PROCEEDINGS.	Number of Applications.	ORDERS ENFORCED BY IMPRISONMENT.						Number of Orders made.
		Total.	TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.					
			Over 6 months.	6 months and over 2.	3 months and over 2.	2 months and over 1.	1 month and over 14 days.	
SURETIES—								
Order to find Sureties to Keep the Peace or for Good Behaviour	173	34	...	...	...	...	5	29
BASTARDY ORDERS	140	14	...	...	...	...	7	7
MARRIED WOMEN—								
Maintenance Orders under the Summary Jurisdiction (Married Women) Act, 1895	259	25	...	...	...	...	11	14
CHILDREN—								
Order for payment of Maintenance under Prevention of Cruelty to Children Act, 1894 (57 and 58 Vic., cap. 41, sec. 7)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Order for payment of Maintenance in Industrial Schools (29 and 30 Vic., cap. 118, ss. 39 and 40)	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	24
Order for payment of Maintenance in Reformatory Schools (29 and 30 Vic., cap. 117, sec. 25)	...	...	...	...	...	...	89	43
Order for payment of Maintenance of Deaf and Dumb Children in Institutions (56 & 57 Vic., cap. 42, sec. 9 (1))	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
POOR LAW—								
Order for Maintenance of Wife, Family, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	12
GOODS UNLAWFULLY DETAINED—								
Order for Restoration (2 and 3 Vic., cap. 71, Sec. 40)	...	...	...	...	...	...	61	41
" FRAUDULENTLY REMOVED TO AVOID PAYMENT OF RENT—Orders to pay double value (11 George II., cap. 19, sec. 4)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
EMPLOYERS AND WORKMEN—								
Orders under Employers and Workmen Act, 1875	...	...	...	...	...	...	135	87
SCHOOLS—								
Orders made under the Elementary Education Act, 1876, sec. 11	...	...	...	...	...	...	522	522
Orders made under the Industrial Schools Act, 1866, sec. 14	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	47
Elementary Education Act, 1876, sec. 12	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	6
SANITARY LAW—								
Orders for Destruction of Unsound Meat	...	...	...	...	...	...	28	28
DOGS—								
Orders to keep under Control	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2
INDECENT PHOTOGRAPHS, &c.—								
Orders to Destroy (20 and 21 Vic., cap. 83)	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2
SMALL TENEMENTS—								
Orders for Possession	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	37
VOLUNTEERS—								
Orders for Payment of Subscriptions, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3
YEOMANRY—								
Orders for Payment of Subscriptions, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1

RETURN F.—Number of Crimes (Indictable Offences) Committed, and of Apprehensions in each Month of the Year.

OFFENCE	CRIMES COMMITTED.												APPREHENSIONS.											
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Murder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Attempt to Murder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manlaughter	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wounding and other Acts endangering Life (felonies)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Endangering Railway Passengers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious wounding and other like offences (Misdemeanors)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Attempts to commit Unnatural Offences	2	3	5	3	1	1	1	7	3	3	2	2	3	3	6	4	...	1	1	9	3	2	2	2
Indecency with Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent Assaults on Females	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bigamy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sacrilege (robbing places of worship)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burglary	2	6	2	6	1	5	6	2	4	3	3	2	4	1	1	14	3	3	3	6	2	7	7	3
Housebreaking	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, &c.	10	3	4	5	3	3	5	5	4	15	12	12	11	1	4	5	12	8	5	10	3	4	3	7
Attempts to Break into Houses, Shops, Warehouses, &c.	1	10	9	7	8	10	15	4	1	...	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Entering with intent to commit Felony	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Possession of Housebreaking Tools	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny of Horses, Cattle, and Sheep	17	10	16	15	12	16	13	15	8	11	10	13	7	4	10	10	9	2	2	6	4	6	4	7
Larceny from the Person	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny in House, to value of £5 or with menaces	13	8	5	13	5	8	7	5	4	3	9	6	10	7	4	11	5	7	5	5	3	2	3	5
Larceny by a Servant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Embezzlement	5	2	2	2	6	2	5	8	8	2	3	3	4	2	1	1	4	1	3	8	5	2	1	1
Simple larceny and other equivalent offences	134	128	105	104	73	84	85	95	102	125	121	111	74	94	82	49	54	59	66	78	54	60	78	71
Obtaining Goods, &c., by false pretences	5	1	1	4	2	5	3	4	3	2	7	8	4	...	...	...	2	4	1	4	1	...	3	6
Falsifying Accounts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Frauds	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Receiving stolen goods	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious Injuries to Property	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forgery and Uttering (Felony)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Uttering or possessing Counterfeit Coin	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Perjury	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Habitual Drunkenness	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Suicide (attempt to commit)	3	3	3	4	8	10	8	5	6	...	4	6	3	3	3	4	8	10	8	5	6	3	4	6
TOTAL	208	182	157	165	125	150	159	160	168	182	185	176	129	126	120	109	101	101	108	147	97	96	114	113

RETURN G.—PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.

POLICE DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.				DISPOSAL OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.							CONDUCT OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION. (Exclusive of Persons removed to other Districts.)				
	In District at commencement of year.	Entered district during year.		TOTAL.	Supervision expired	Supervision remitted by Secretary of State.	Removed to other Districts.	Sent to Prison.	Missing and Gazetted.	Left England.	Died.	Under Supervision in District at end of year.	On Indictment.	Summarily only.	Suspected to be living dishonestly but not convicted during the year.	Known or believed to be living honestly.
		From Prison.	From other Districts.													
City of Birmingham	...	84	83	23	190	35	1	15	46	10	—	83	44	2	46	83

RETURN H.—HABITUAL CRIMINALS AT LARGE, HOUSES OF BAD CHARACTER,
POPULATION OF DISTRICT, AND STRENGTH OF POLICE FORCE.

POLICE DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF HABITUAL CRIMINALS AT LARGE.										NUMBER OF HOUSES OF BAD CHARACTER.				Strength of Police Force.		Population of Police District.
	TOTAL NUMBER.				Thieves.		Receivers.		Other Habitual Criminals.		TOTAL NUMBER.		Houses of Receivers of Stolen Goods.		Houses frequented by Thieves.		
	Total.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Public- Houses.		Beer- Houses.		Other Houses.		
City of Birmingham	270	207	63	136	49	29	8	42	6	38	16	7	7	8	700	478,113	

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TABLES OF STATISTICS, &c.
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TABLE I.

TABLE showing the strength of the Police Force (exclusive of additional Constables), the Area of the City in Acres, and the average Acreage to each Constable; the Population of the City in 1891, and the average Population to each Constable.

Strength of Police Force (exclusive of 18 additional Constables)	700
Area in Acres	12,705
Acreage to each Constable	18
Population in 1891, Census 1891	478,113
Population to each Constable	683

TABLE II.
RETURN of authorised POLICE FORCE, and allowances as allowed to
each Rank and Class on the 31st day of December, 1899.

Total authorised number of each Rank and Class on the 31st Dec., 1899.	RANKS AND CLASSES.		Total actual number of each Rank and Class on the 31st Dec., 1899.	Rates and Pay of each Rank and Class, as allowed on the 31st December, 1899.		Allowance for Boots or Clothing when not provided.	
				Rates of Weekly Pay.	Rates of Yearly Pay.	Allowance for Boots.	Allowance for Plain Clothes.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
1	Chief Constable	...	1	800	0 0		£12
1	Deputy-Chief Constable	...	1	250	0 0		
1	Chief Clerk	...	1	230	0 0		
1	Detective Superintendent	...	1	230	0 0		
7	Superintendents	1st Class	2	220	0 0	£2 10s. 6d. Annually.	
		2nd "	...	200	0 0		
		3rd "	3	180	0 0		
		4th "	...	160	0 0		
25	Inspectors	1st Class	11	130	0 0	£2 0s. 0d. Annually.	
		2nd "	3	119	12 0		
		3rd "	10	109	4 0		
71	Sergeants	1st Class	19	2	0 0	£2 0s. 0d. Annually.	
		2nd "	25	1	18 0		
		3rd "	11	1	16 0		
		4th "	15	1	14 0		
	Constables, 1st Long Service Class		57	1	12 0		
	" 2nd " "		122	1	11 0		
593	Constables	1st Class	131	1	10 0	7s. 6d. per Quarter.	
		2nd "	89	1	8 0		
		3rd "	131	1	6 0		
		4th "	20	1	5 0		
		5th "	32	1	4 0		
700	Total Force		685				

N.B.—There is a Progressive Pay, viz.: Superintendents, a 2, and 2 and 3 years' scale; Inspectors, a 3 and 4 years' scale from date of promotion; Sergeants, 3, 3 and 3 years; Constables on appointment receive 24/- per week; after 6 months, 25/- per week; after another 6 months, 26/- per week; after 4 years, 28/- per week; after 7 years, 30/- per week; after 10 years, 31/- per week; after 15 years, 32/- per week. There are also Merit Classes of 1/- and 2/- per week for Sergeants, -/6, 1/-, and 2/- per week for Constables.

In accordance with the terms of the Merit Class 8 Sergeants are receiving 2/- and 11 1/- per week; 9 Constables are receiving 2/- per week; 14 1/- per week; and 48 -/6 per week.

The Chief Clerk is allowed £20 per annum, in lieu of House, Coal, and Gas, and £12 in lieu of uniform; Superintendents are allowed £20 per annum, in lieu of House, Coal, and Gas, and £12 in lieu of uniform; Inspectors are allowed £12 in lieu of uniform, and 3/- per week for incidental expenses; Sergeants £10 annually in lieu of uniform, and 3/- per week for incidental expenses. Reserve Sergeants receive an additional 2/- per week while engaged in office work, and Constables engaged on Point Duty, regulating Street Traffic, are allowed 1/- per week while so employed.

TABLE III.
RETURN showing how the additional Constables are employed.

By whom appointed.	By whom Paid.	RANKS.				TOTAL.
		Supts.	Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Constables.	
Watch Committee	War Department	...	...	...	3	3
"	Poor Law Guardians	...	...	...	...	...
"	Markets Committee...	...	...	1	7	8
"	Birmingham and Warwick Canal Co.	...	...	...	1	1
"	Health Committee	...	...	2	...	2
"	Water Department	...	...	1	...	1
"	Birmingham Small Arms Co.	...	...	...	3	3
TOTAL ...		...	...	4	14	18

TABLE IV.
RETURN showing the length of Service and certain Ages of the Members of the Actual Strength
of the Police Force for the Year ended 31st December, 1899.

RANKS.	PERIODS OF SERVICE.						AGES.	
	Under 5 years.	5 years and under 10 years.	10 years and under 15 years.	15 years and under 20 years.	20 years and under 25 years.	25 years and upwards.	Under 21 years.	Above 60 years.
Chief Constable	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deputy Chief Constable ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Chief Clerk ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Superintendents ... ..	...	...	...	1	2	3	...	...
Inspectors ... ..	...	3	2	11	8	2	...	1
Sergeants ... ..	...	5	32	17	14	2	...	...
Constables	207	192	69	51	56	5	...	...
Total	208	200	103	80	81	13	...	1

TABLE V.
 RETURN showing the variations which have taken place in the Force during the Year ended
 31st December, 1899.

RANKS.	Resigned.	Dismissed.	Super-annuated.	Deceased.	Abandoned.	Total Left the Force.	Total Joined the Force.
Chief Constable	...	...	1	..	...	1	1
Superintendents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Inspectors	...	...	1	2	...	3	...
Sergeants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Constables	43	2	16	3	...	64	62
TOTALS.	43	2	18	5	...	68	63

TABLE VII.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons charged with being Drunk, and Drunk and Disorderly; also showing the Number of Persons charged with other offences committed while in a state of Drunkenness, during the years ended 31st December, 1899, and Four preceding years.

OFFENCE.	1899	1898	1897	1896	1895
Drunk, and Drunk and Disorderly	3,410	3,670	3,055	2,897	2,840
Drunkenness, accompanied with other offences ...	3,937	4,286	3,970	3,383	3,019

TABLE VIII.

Trades and Occupations of the Persons who were Drunk when
Apprehended during the year ended 31st December, 1899.

TRADES.	Drunk and Disorderly		Drunk and Incapable.		Drunk and Assaulting Police.		Drunk and other Assaults.		Drunk and other Offences.		TOTAL
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Agents and Travellers ...	20	...	12	...	1	...	2	...	1	...	36
Bakers, Confectioners, &c. ...	1	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	6
Barbers ...	10	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	17
Barmen and Barmaids ...	5	...	4	2	1	...	5	...	1	...	18
Bicycle Makers ...	62	...	35	...	11	...	3	...	7	...	118
Blacksmiths and other Workers in Metal	81	...	69	...	12	...	7	...	5	...	174
Boatmen ...	11	...	2	...	7	...	...	...	8	...	28
Brass Casters ...	69	...	41	...	13	...	7	...	8	...	138
Brass Polishers ...	121	7	83	5	17	1	10	...	7	...	251
Butchers ...	5	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	6	...	16
Cabinet Makers and French Polishers	12	2	7	5	9	1	3	...	1	...	40
Cabdrivers, Coachmen, Grooms, &c. ...	17	...	120	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	140
Charwomen ...	...	28	...	11	...	3	...	...	...	5	47
Carters ...	22	...	81	...	5	...	...	...	4	...	112
Clerks ...	8	...	32	...	7	...	...	...	5	...	52
Coopers, &c. ...	7	...	8	...	7	...	3	...	1	...	26
Dressmakers, Seamstresses, &c. ...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Drovers and Cattlemen ...	10	...	17	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	31
Engineers and Fitters ...	37	...	59	...	10	...	3	...	...	...	109
Farmers, &c. ...	7	...	23	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	34
Firemen (Stokers) ...	25	...	13	...	5	...	2	...	1	...	46
Gardeners, Florists, &c. ...	3	...	8	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	13
Glass Blowers, Cutters, &c. ...	9	...	23	...	4	...	3	...	1	...	40
Gunmakers, Browners, &c. ...	12	...	17	...	3	...	2	...	2	...	36
Hawkers ...	103	17	89	10	3	5	5	2	3	...	237
Iron Casters ...	21	...	20	...	9	...	3	...	5	...	58
Jewellers ...	13	...	25	...	7	...	2	...	1	...	48
Joiners, Carpenters, &c. ...	3	...	19	...	3	...	7	...	1	...	33
Labourers ...	436	...	121	...	25	...	13	...	7	...	602
Laundresses ...	...	2	...	27	...	...	...	...	...	1	30
Lawyers, Doctors, & other Professionals	3	...	12	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	19
Masons, Bricklayers, Plasterers, &c. ...	55	...	32	...	1	...	8	...	3	...	99
Merchants, Brokers, &c. ...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Miscellaneous Trades ...	63	1	61	7	3	3	8	...	5	...	151
No Trade ...	3	180	1	187	...	8	...	5	...	3	387
Painters, Paperhangers, &c. ...	27	...	21	...	3	...	3	...	1	...	55
Pearl Workers ...	32	...	23	1	3	...	3	...	...	...	62
Porters ...	59	...	49	...	7	...	8	...	3	...	126
Pressworkers ...	...	17	...	38	...	5	...	7	...	3	70
Printers, &c. ...	13	...	35	...	4	...	3	...	1	...	56
Prostitutes ...	...	105	...	36	...	11	...	3	...	3	158
Publicans, Beersellers, &c. ...	2	...	9	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	17
Reporters ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sailors ...	8	...	2	...	5	...	2	...	...	...	17
Servants ...	...	1	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	1	6
Shoemakers ...	5	...	11	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	21
Shopkeepers and Assistants ...	2	...	11	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	14
Soldiers ...	23	...	9	...	9	...	3	...	1	...	45
Sweeps ...	1	...	10	...	5	...	2	...	...	...	18
Tailors ...	17	...	25	...	3	...	...	...	2	...	47
Warehousemen and Keepers ..	5	1	12	1	3	...	...	...	1	1	24
TOTAL ...	1449	361	1262	838	226	38	132	17	97	17	3937

TABLE IX.

RETURN showing the number of persons proceeded against summarily for Assaults on the Police during the Years ended 31st December, 1899, and four preceding years.

YEAR.		Number of Persons proceeded against.	Number of Persons convicted.
1899	...	585	557
1898	...	623	564
1897	...	589	562
1896	...	457	433
1895	...	372	349

TABLE X.

RETURN showing the number of Persons proceeded against for Larceny and other Indictable Offences
 triable Summarily for the Years ended 31st December, 1899, and Four preceding Years.

	YEARS.				
	1899	1898	1897	1896	1895
Summary Jurisdiction Act 	831	999	902	751	840

TABLE XI.
 RETURN of Persons between the ages of 7 and 16 years, who have been apprehended by the Police and taken before the Magistrates, also showing the character of the offence for which they were charged, during the years ended December 31st, 1899, and four preceding years.

AGE AND SEX.																			OFFENCE.																
		7		8		9		10		11		12		13		14		15		TOTAL.				Felony.				Misdemeanour.				Drunkenness.		Vagrancy.	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
1899	3	1	8	...	...	18	1	32	2	53	3	82	5	121	2	208	9	296	19	821	42	213	24	433	9	...	...	175	9		
1898	...	1	8	1	10	1	19	1	33	3	54	1	100	8	140	9	252	15	326	14	982	53	231	32	455	12	1	...	195	9					
1897	5	1	8	3	21	...	...	43	3	65	4	104	12	146	16	221	7	303	8	911	54	277	30	420	10	1	...	213	14				
1896	...	2	14	1	22	5	22	5	27	2	64	2	98	6	141	4	176	6	213	15	754	43	249	23	180	24	4	...	241	16					
1895	9	...	21	1	13	...	...	39	3	68	5	73	9	130	11	124	3	178	17	638	49	229	16	121	4	1	1	277	21				

TABLE XII.

RETURN of the Number of Public Houses, Cider Houses, and Refreshment Houses with Wine Licenses; also showing the Number proceeded against, the Number Convicted, and the Number deprived of Licenses for Misconduct, during the years ended 31st December, 1890, and Four preceding years

	PUBLIC HOUSES.				BEER HOUSES.				CIDER HOUSES ONLY.				REFRESHMENT HOUSES WITH WINE LICENSE.			
	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	License Deprived of	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	License Deprived of	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	License Deprived of	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	License Deprived of
1899	657	26	17	..	*1607	29	23	..	1	..	..	..	15	..	..	..
1898	653	16	7	2	1589	30	14	..	1	..	..	..	18	..	..	..
1897	663	13	8	..	1607	27	23	1	2	..	..	..	17	..	..	..
1896	661	9	6	..	1607	23	17	..	2	..	..	..	15	..	..	..
1895	666	30	11	1	1616	38	19	3	2	..	..	..	16	..	..	..

* Of the 1607 under the head "Beer Houses," 791 are licensed to sell Beer to be consumed on the premises, 184 for Beer and Wine "On," 454 are licensed to sell Beer to be consumed off the premises, and 178 are Dealers and Miscellaneous Licenses licensed to sell Beer, Wine or Spirits.

TABLE XIII.

RETURN Showing the Number of Premises registered for the storage of Gunpowder and Mixed Explosives, and the Number of small Fire work Factories and Stores for Mixed Explosives, licensed under the Explosives Act, 1875 ; also the number of Premises Licensed under the Petroleum Acts, 1871 to 1881, during the year ended December 31st, 1899.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.				PETROLEUM ACTS, 1871 to 1881.			
Number of Premises Registered for the Storage of Gunpowder.	Number of Premises Registered for the Storage of Mixed Explosives.	Small Firework Factory.	Stores for Mixed Explosives.	Total Registered.	Number of Places Licensed for the Storage of Petroleum.	Number of Places Licensed for the Storage of Carbide of Calcium.	Total Licensed.
97	1101	1	3	1202	249	61	310

TABLE XIV.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons summoned under the Explosives Act, 1875, and Petroleum Acts, 1871 to 1881, the Number Convicted, and the total Amount of Fines and Costs inflicted.

	Number of Persons Summoned.	Number of Persons Convicted.	Total Amount of Fines Inflicted.			Total Amount of Costs Paid.		
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Explosives Act ...	2	2	3	6	0	1	1	0
Petroleum Act ...	9	9	19	10	0	4	12	6

TABLE XV.

RETURN showing the amount of Money received for the Registration of Premises for the storage of Gunpowder and Mixed Explosives and the Amount received for Licenses under the Petroleum Acts.

EXPLOSIVES ACT.			PETROLEUM ACTS.		
Amount received for Registration of Premises, &c.			Amount received for Licenses.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
60	6	0	77	5	0

TABLE XVI.

RETURN showing the numbers of Hackney Carriages, Hackney Carriage Drivers, the number of whose Licenses have been Revoked or Suspended; and the number of Articles found in the Vehicles during the Year ended 31st December, 1899, and corresponding period of 1898.

YEAR.	HACKNEY CARRIAGES.				HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS.			ARTICLES FOUND.			
	Number of Hackney Carriages Licensed.	Number of Proprietors.	Number of Proprietors holding more than one License.	Number of Proprietors holding only one License.	Number of Hackney Carriage Drivers Licensed.	Number of Hackney Carriage Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number whose Licenses have been suspended.	Number of Articles found	Number of Articles returned to the Owners.	Number given up to Drivers.	Number waiting to be claimed.
1899 ..	658	161	96	65	821	19	32	649	300	180	169
1898 ..	700	165	104	61	792	18	18	578	268	173	137

TABLE XVII.

RETURN showing the numbers of Cars, Drivers, and Conductors Licensed on Tramways; also the numbers of Omnibuses and Brakes, Drivers and Conductors Licensed; the number of whose Licenses have been Revoked or Suspended; and the number of Articles found in Tram Cars, Omnibuses, or Brakes, and brought to the Public Carriage Office, also the number of such Articles given up to Owners or Conductors, and the number waiting to be owned, during the year ended 31st Dec., 1899, and corresponding period of 1898.

YEAR.	TRAM CARS.					OMNIBUSES AND BRAKES.					ARTICLES FOUND.					
	Number of Tram Cars Licensed.	Number of Tram Car Drivers Licensed.	Number of Tram Car Conductors Licensed.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Omnibuses and Brakes Licensed.	Number of Omnibus and Brake Drivers Licensed.	Number of Omnibus and Brake Conductors Licensed.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Articles Found.	Number of Articles Returned to Owners.	Number of Articles Given up to Finder.	Number waiting to be Claimed.
1899 ...	176	340	524	—	—	255	353	575	1	2	2	1	2574	1085	785	704
1898 ...	163	328	461	—	1	233	342	563	2	4	3	3	2259	1004	608	647

TABLE XVIII.

Return of the Number of Pedlars' Certificates granted in the Birmingham Police District during the year ended 31st December, 1899.

Number of Certificates granted.	Amount of Money received for Granting Certificates and paid to Borough Fund.
320	£ 80 s. 0 d. 0

TABLE XIX.

Return of the Number of Cattle and Vehicles found in the Streets by the Police and impounded by them; also showing how they were disposed of, for the year ended 31st December, 1899, the Amount received, and to what Account paid.

The Number of Cattle or Vehicles found in the Streets.	Number of Cattle or Vehicles restored to owners.	Number of Cattle or Vehicles sold, not being owned.	Paid to Improvement Account.	Paid to Superannuation Account.
480	472	8	£39 17s. 6d.	£7 16s. 6d.

TABLE XX.

Return showing the Number of Accidents caused by Steam, Cable, and Electric Trams, and other Vehicular Traffic in the Streets for the Year ended 31st December, 1899.

Accidents caused by Trams.			Accidents by other Vehicles.	Total.	Proprietors.
Steam.	Cable.	Electric.			
39	7	1	498	545	City of Birmingham Co. 29 Birmingham & Midland 4 Aston Tram Co. ... 6 City of Birmingham Co. 7 (Cable Trams.) City of Birmingham Co. 1 (Electric Trams.)

TABLE XXI.
A RETURN showing the number of Premises Found Open by the Police between the hours of
10 p.m. and 6 a.m., for the twelve months ended December 31st, 1899.

PREMISES FOUND INSECURE.

DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES.	BY DOORS BEING LEFT OPEN.		BY WINDOWS BEING LEFT OPEN.		BY OTHER MEANS	TOTAL.	INCREASE ON LAST YEAR.	DECREASE ON LAST YEAR.
Shops	47	15	1,569	...	31
Warehouses, &c.	11	7	226	9	...
Factories	18	21	501	...	7
Dwelling Houses	305	29	2,610	281	...
Other Premises not included as above	40	17	1,232	448	...
				421	89	6,138	738	38
				5,628				

REPORT
OF THE
POLICE ESTABLISHMENT

AND THE
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IN THE
CITY OF BIRMINGHAM,

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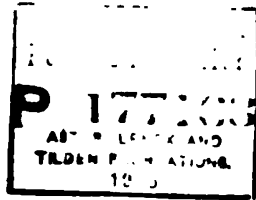


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Birmingham,
12th February, 1901.

AT A MEETING OF THE WATCH COMMITTEE, held on
the 12th day of February, 1901,

MR. COUNCILLOR WATERS IN THE CHAIR.

ANNUAL POLICE RETURNS.

The Chief Constable submitted Statistical Returns for the
Year ended 31st December, 1900.

Resolved,

“That the Returns be printed, and that a copy be sent to each
City Magistrate and Member of the Council.”

REPORT.

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S OFFICE,

CORPORATION STREET,

12TH FEBRUARY, 1901.

*To the Chairman and Members
of the Watch Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the Criminal Statistics and other Miscellaneous Returns for the year ending 31st December, 1900.

The authorised strength of the Police Force on the 31st December last was 700, and 18 additional Constables (who are paid for under the Acts 3 and 4 Vict., cap 88, sec. 19). The actual strength was 696; their nationalities being—605 English, 58 Irish, 24 Welsh, 7 Scotch, 1 Dutch, and 1 German; their average height being 5 feet 10½ inches.

During the year 39 resigned, 1 was dismissed for misconduct, 17 were superannuated, 2 died; and 17 were on active service or attached to the Ambulance Brigades in South Africa.

Eighty-six men joined the Force during the year.

Of the 696 effective men, 201 are under five years' service; 179 between five and ten years; 109 between ten and fifteen years; 94 between fifteen and twenty years; 77 between twenty and twenty-five years; and 16 twenty-five years and upwards.

There were 157 members on the Superannuation list on 31st December last, viz., 1 Chief Constable, 5 Superintendents, 11 Inspectors, 28 Sergeants, and 112 Constables. In addition to these there are the two children of the late P.C. Snipe, who met with his death in the execution of his duty.

DETECTIVE DEPARTMENT.—This Department consists of 1 Superintendent, 6 Inspectors (including 1 Clerk), 11 Sergeants (including 1 Clerk), and 18 Constables (including 3 Clerks). In addition several Constables in plain clothes, in conjunction with Detectives, have been employed at Divisions.

The value of property reported to the Police as having been stolen or fraudulently obtained within the City during the year was £8,228 1s. 8d., of which goods, &c., to the value of £3,878 4s. 10d., were recovered, or 47 per cent. of the whole.

On referring to Government Table "G" it will be seen that the number of Convicts on License and persons subject to Police Supervision who lived in Birmingham during 1900 is 214. This number includes criminals who have been convicted for almost every class of serious crime. The Detectives have been instrumental in obtaining employment for several of these men, and in many instances those who have been found work have reformed.

**Comparative Return of Chief Offences—Return A—for the
Years 1899 and 1900.**

OFFENCE.	1899.		1900.				REMARKS.
	Total Offences.	Persons Apprehended.	Total Offences.	Persons Apprehended.	Increase of Offences.	Decrease of Offences.	
Murder, Adult	1	1	—	—	—	1	
Attempts to Murder	1	1	1	1	—	—	
Wounding (Misdemeanour) ...	33	36	31	36	—	2	
Offences against "Criminal Law Amendment Act"	9	9	6	6	—	3	
Burglary and Housebreaking...	96	81	92	48	—	4	
Warehouse Breaking	124	62	71	50	—	43	
Forgery and uttering (Felony) &c.	6	4	7	7	1	—	
Robbery, with violence	1	2	1	1	—	—	
Larceny from the Person	156	77	98	51	—	58	
Larceny by Servants	86	67	118	89	32	—	
Larceny, Simple	1267	819	1220	872	—	47	
Embezzlement	48	33	51	40	3	—	
Receiving	24	22	32	32	8	—	
Attempted Suicides	63	63	49	49	—	14	
Obtaining Goods, &c., by False Pretences	45	27	53	37	8	—	
Uttering or possessing Counter- feit Coin	5	7	2	2	—	3	
Manslaughter	9	15	6	6	—	3	

ATTEMPTED MURDER.—There has been one case, viz., Christopher Babbington, age 32, charged with shooting at Albert Henry Stack, on the 28th April, with intent to do him bodily harm. From the evidence it appears that a number of youths had gathered round the door of prisoner's father. The prisoner suddenly opened the door and discharged a pistol amongst the crowd, the bullet hitting Stack in the arm. Babbington was committed to the Assizes, where he was subsequently discharged.

MANSLAUGHTER.—There have been six cases, for which six persons have been apprehended.

Richard Gough, aged 45, a labourer, was charged with causing the death of William Shaw, aged 60. The evidence showed that the men had been drinking together; they had an altercation, whereupon deceased challenged Gough out to fight, he struck him, and prisoner, it is alleged, struck Shaw a blow which knocked him on the kerb, causing his death. The Jury at the Assizes were of opinion that there was really no case, and that the evidence showed that the prisoner hit Shaw in self defence. Gough was acquitted.

William Harrison, aged 32, labourer, was charged with causing the death of his paramour Jane Nash, aged 38. On the 3rd April, deceased was met by Harrison, who struck her violent blows on the head, causing injuries from which she never recovered. Harrison was committed to the Assizes on a charge of manslaughter, and bound over in his own recognisance in £20 to come up for judgment if called upon.

Sarah Baker, aged 22, was charged with the manslaughter of her newly-born child. From the evidence, it appears that Baker on the 26th March became very ill, and upon a search being made by Police Constable Harris a newly-born child was found wrapped in paper and then alive in the ashpit adjoining the house. The child was taken to the Hospital, where it died shortly after its admission. The Coroner's Jury returned a verdict "that the child died from

injuries sustained at and during its birth, and that proper preparation had not been arranged for the child's birth. Baker was committed to the Assizes, where she was subsequently acquitted.

Christopher Haines, aged 48, fish curer, was charged with the manslaughter of his wife. From the evidence it seems prisoner lived fairly comfortably with his wife, though her drinking habits caused trouble. On the 16th October prisoner went home from work in the afternoon and found the house in a miserable state. Going upstairs he found his wife in bed with her clothes on. He took hold of her and threw her on the floor. She became ill, and died three days afterwards. Prisoner was committed to the Assizes, and subsequently acquitted.

Alfred Baker, aged 22, polisher, was charged with causing the death of Edwin Ashton Jones, on February 24th. From the evidence it appears that the deceased went into the "Lamp" public-house in Ruston Street under the influence of drink and used bad language to the landlord, who had refused to serve him with drink. The prisoner interposed on the landlord's behalf, and after some altercation, struck Jones a blow on the jaw, knocking him against a partition. Deceased was taken home, and afterwards to the Queen's Hospital, where he died on the 1st March, his death being attributed to septic poisoning of the lungs, due to a wound in the mouth corresponding with a broken jaw. Prisoner was committed to the Assizes, and sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Edwin Harbar, aged 25, a coachman, was charged with causing the death of Thomas Grant. From the evidence it appears that on the 9th February, Harbar and deceased became quarrelsome. He was ordered to quit; subsequently, whilst being helped home by friends, he saw Harbar, and shouting at him, went towards him in a threatening manner. Prisoner struck or pushed him with his hand in self defence, as was alleged, and he fell into the horse-way, receiving such injuries that he afterwards died in the Queen's Hospital. Harbar was committed to the Assizes, and discharged.

ASSAULTS ON POLICE.—On Table IX. will be seen a comparison of the number of assaults on the police during the past five years. The number (496) for the year under review, is the lowest since 1896, but three cases were specially severe. The penalty inflicted in one of these cases was five years' imprisonment, and the Chief Constable hopes that such a sentence will have an effect in lessening these assaults on constables, which are so frequent and so disheartening.

Among the more important cases investigated by the Detective Department are the following :—

Richard Blockley Dodds Wells, aged 60 years, of Scarborough, a phrenologist, was charged in February, 1900, with delivering certain indecent and obscene lectures at the Exchange Rooms, New Street, and with publishing and selling a certain obscene and indecent work. The accused, who had been similarly lecturing in various places throughout the country, was convicted and sentenced to fifteen months' hard labour at the Birmingham Assizes, on the 15th March, 1900. The case was heard by Mr. Justice Darling, who described the prisoner as a danger to Society.

This is the first case in this country where proceedings have been taken for delivering indecent lectures in public. These were advertised as special lectures to men and women. This case will probably form a precedent.

ARSON.—Frank Forrester Davies was charged with having, on 1st September, 1900, feloniously set fire to a warehouse in Smith Street with intent to defraud the Lancashire Assurance Co., Ltd.

The accused carried on business, as a manufacturing optician, in Smith Street. On the 1st September a fire broke out on the premises shortly before six p.m., and the place was almost completely gutted. Acting-Superintendent Tiviotdale, of the Birmingham Fire Brigade, found in the basement at the foot of the stairs a barrel which had contained paraffin, hay bands, saturated with paraffin, arranged, reaching from one storey to the next, and signs of at least three separate fires, etc. It was evident that the place had been deliberately set on fire.

Accused stated that he had left the premises about 8 p.m., but it was proved that he was seen there shortly before the alarm of fire.

It was shown that the firm was in monetary difficulties, with a bank account overdrawn about £2,000, and that the premises were insured for £4,500, the policy being deposited in a bank as security for the overdraft.

Accused was found guilty, before Mr. Justice Lawrence, at Birmingham Assizes, on the 12th December, 1900, and sentenced to seven years' penal servitude.

SHOPBREAKING.—Charles Jones was charged with breaking into the lock-up shop of Mr. Walter Cassidy, jeweller, Great Western Arcade, during the night of the 29th December, 1900, and stealing a quantity of jewellery, value £2,000.

On inquiring into this outrage suspicion fell upon the accused, formerly a porter in the establishment, who had, fourteen days before, resigned his situation, sending a week's wages in lieu of notice. It was found that he had been absent from his home during the night and he was traced to Dodford, near Bromsgrove, where he was found carrying a digging fork. It was evident he had buried the jewellery. He was arrested and subsequently confessed that he had committed the offence, and showed where the jewellery was hidden. It was all recovered—in fact, about £500 worth more was recovered than had been reported to the police as stolen.

The prisoner was arrested on the day following the larceny, and the property was recovered on the second or third day, the total amount stolen and recovered being of the value of £2,000.

At Birmingham Quarter Sessions on 8th January, 1901, accused pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

FRAUD: COUPON—"SNOWBALL."—Egbert Morgan, auctioneer's clerk, was charged with obtaining money by false pretences from numerous persons residing in various places.

He advertised in Devonshire, Cornish, and South Wales papers—"Real silver watch for 2s. Send at once to Bert Morgan, Ravenhurst Street, Birmingham." On receipt of a letter with 2s.,

instead of a watch he sent coupons, with a request to sell nine at 1s. each and send him the money, when he would forward a watch. The purchasers of these coupons could be similarly treated, and thus a "snowball" would be formed. He purchased a certain number of watches from a dealer at 5s. 6d. and 6s. each, with which to supply pressing requirements. Many complaints were received by the police, and Morgan was warned and promised to desist, but continuing for some months he was arrested in August, 1900, no watches being found in his possession, but multitudinous letters.

The Treasury prosecuted. Twenty-two witnesses gave evidence at Quarter Sessions of having been defrauded by accused. He was found guilty of what the learned Recorder termed "a most ingenious fraud," and was, on the 26th October, 1900, sentenced to twelve months' hard labour.

Several similar cases of fraud had before been prosecuted by the Treasury, but unsuccessfully, this being the first conviction recorded in such a case.

INSURANCE FRAUD.—Edward Hopwood was charged with attempting to obtain £100 from a local doctor by means of false pretences.

Accused, who had lived for some years by company promoting, called upon the doctor in November, 1899, and stated that he was employed by a newly-established Insurance Company to engage medical officers for the company, which, he said, had been registered. He was ready to offer the doctor the position if he paid £100 for shares.

The doctor refused, made inquiry, and communicated with the police.

Accused was arrested and admitted having received £1,800 from different medical men throughout the kingdom in this way.

The Treasury prosecuted, and at Birmingham Quarter Sessions, on 30th January, 1900, he was convicted and sentenced to fifteen months' hard labour.

INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—The number of these for 1900 is 1,860, against 2,017 in 1899. Of the more serious offences—attempts to murder and manslaughter—a brief account has already appeared in the preceding pages. In the apprehensions for burglary and house-breaking there is a decrease of 33, but an increase of 3 for the same number of offences as compared with 1899. Under the heading of larceny from the person there is a decrease of 58.

SIMPLE LARCENY.—There is a decrease under this heading of 47, the figures for 1900 being 1,220, as against 1,267 in 1899.

RECEIVING.—There is an increase of 8 offences for this crime, the number for 1900 being 32, as against 24 for last year.

COINING AND UTTERING BASE COIN.—For the past year 2 offences and two apprehensions are recorded. The two persons proceeded against were charged with uttering.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—There has been a decrease of 14 offences and 14 apprehensions under this heading, the figures for 1900 being 49 offences and 49 apprehensions, as against 63 offences and 63 apprehensions during the year 1899. The 49 persons charged consisted of 23 males and 26 females, and in the preceding year 35 males and 28 females.

As will be seen, the total number of Indictable Offences during the year was 1,860, the number of persons proceeded against for these offences being 1,395. The 1,860 crimes were made up as follows :—

GOVERNMENT TABLES.

Offences against the Person (these include Murder, Manslaughter, Wounding) and Offences against the Criminal Law Amendment Act	50
Offences against Property with Violence, viz., Burglary, Housebreaking, Shopbreaking, Assaults and Robbery, &c.	164
Offences against Property without Violence, viz., Simple Larceny, Larceny (Person), Larceny (Servant), Embezzlement, &c. ...	1,582
Malicious Injury to Property	3
Forgery and Offences against the Currency, viz., Forgery, Uttering, Coining, &c. ...	9
Other Offences, viz., Attempted Suicide, &c. ...	52
Total	<hr/> 1,860 <hr/>

The following is a comparative return, for the years 1899 and 1900, of the principal cases dealt with summarily by the Justices :—

Comparative Return of Chief Offences. Persons proceeded against Summarily, Tables B and C, for the years 1899 and 1900.

1899.		1900.		
NATURE OF OFFENCE.	Number of persons proceeded against.	Number of persons proceeded against.	Increase.	Decrease.
Aggravated Assaults	61	75	14	—
Assaulting Police	585	496	—	89
Assaults (common)	1602	1295	—	307
Drunkenness	3728	3290	—	438
Wilful Damage	199	173	—	26
Elementary Education Act (not sending Children to School)...	4975	4768	—	207
OTHER OFFENCES.				
Vagrancy Act: Begging	82	92	10	—
Sleeping out	582	372	—	210
Gaming	1140	982	—	158
Found on enclosed premises	33	29	—	4
Keeping Brothels (Criminal Law Amendment Act)	113	26	—	87
Prostitution	199	356	157	—
Town Police Clauses Act	3326	3040	—	286
Borough Bye-Laws				
Local Acts				
Highway Act, viz. :	2304	1856	—	448
Bicycles				
Offences by Owners & Drivers of Carts				
Obstructions and Nuisances...				
Dogs, Persons not complying with Muzzling Order ...	1107	—	—	1107
Army and Navy Act	118	360	242	—
Hackney Carriages, Offences against	146	172	26	—

The total number of non-indictable offences tried summarily is 19,147, being a decrease of 2,787 on the year 1900. The decrease is general, with few exceptions, and the headings under which the greater decrease is found are as follows :—Assaults (common) and on the police, 896 ; drunkenness, 438 ; Vagrancy Act, 372 ; dogs, owners not complying with muzzling order, 1,107 ; and wilful damage, 26. The decrease of 1,107 in the prosecution of owners of dogs not complying with the “muzzling order,” is attributable to the “muzzling order” being discontinued, by order of the Board of Agriculture, in October, 1899.

The particulars of the Offences tried summarily were made up as follows :—

Assaults	...	...	...	...	1,866
Frequenting	...	...	...	...	39
Brothel Keeping	...	...	...	...	26
Cruelty to Animals	...	...	...	...	302
Prostitution	...	...	...	...	356
Malicious Damage to Property...	...	...	...	...	188
Highway Acts, Offences against, viz. :—Bicycles, Owners and Drivers of Carts, Obstructions and Nuisances	...	...	...	...	1,856
Elementary Education Acts	...	...	...	...	4,768
Local Acts and Bye-laws	...	...	...	...	3,040
Vagrancy Act, Offences against, viz. :—Begging, Sleeping out, Gaming, &c.	...	...	...	...	1,446
Sanitary Laws	...	...	...	...	115
Stage and Hackney Carriage Regulations	...	...	...	...	172
Drunkenness, Permitting Drunkenness, &c.	...	...	...	...	3,471
Army and Navy Acts	...	...	...	...	360
Other Offences	...	...	...	...	1,142
Total	...	...	...	...	<u>19,147</u>

The method of procedure was as follows :—

Arrested without Warrant	...	...	...	7,419
Arrested on Warrant issued in first instance	...	...	...	65
Arrested on Warrant issued on failure to appear to Summons	...	...	...	85
Proceeded against by Summons	...	...	...	11,578
Total	...	...	...	<u>19,147</u>

The following was the result of proceedings :—

Convicted	...	...	...	...	15,223
Charge withdrawn (no prosecution)	...	...	...	...	1,569
Charge dismissed (no evidence)	...	...	...	...	797
Discharged under Summary Jurisdiction Act, Section 16 (i.)	...	...	...	...	1,202
Delivered to Naval and Military Authorities, &c.	...	...	...	...	348
Committed to Industrial School for not attending School, &c.	...	...	...	...	8
					<u>19,147</u>

LICENSING ACTS.

The following Table, which was presented at the last Brewster Sessions, shows the offences committed by Licensed Victuallers and Beer Sellers, and the Decisions of the Justices, during the past 12 months ending August 31st, 1900 :—

LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

Suffering Licensed Premises for the purpose of Horse Racing	...	...	...	6
Selling without License	...	...	...	5
Suffering Gaming	...	...	...	7
Permitting Drunkenness	...	...	...	4
Refusing to Admit Police	...	...	...	1
Drunk in own House	...	...	...	1
Harbouring Police Officer when on Duty	...	...	...	2
Harbouring Thieves on Licensed Premises	...	...	...	5
Total	...	...	...	<u>31</u>

DECISIONS.

Fined £10 and costs, and license endorsed	2
Fined £3 and costs	4
Fined £2 and costs	3
Fined 20 shillings and costs	4
Fined 10 shillings and costs	1
Fined 5 shillings and costs	1
To pay costs	2
Dismissed	3
Withdrawn	11
Total	<u>81</u>

BEER SELLERS.

Not having name painted or affixed to his licensed premises	1
Permitting Drunkenness	4
Prohibited Hours	3
Drunk in own House	1
Suffering Gaming	16
Total	<u>25</u>

DECISIONS.

Fined £10 and costs	1
Fined £5 and costs	2
Fined £2 and costs	2
Fined 30 shillings and costs	1
Fined £1 and costs	3
Fined 10 shillings and costs	2
To pay costs	1
Dismissed	5
Withdrawn	8
Total	<u>25</u>

STRAY DOGS.—During the year special instructions were again given to the Police to remove stray dogs from the streets of the City to the Dogs' Homes, New Canal Street and Icknield Port Road, with the results shown in the following Table:—

MONTH.	A	B	C	D	E	TOTAL.
	Division.	Division.	Division.	Division.	Division.	
January	42	11	10	65	127	255
February	8	23	7	39	108	185
March	11	19	37	48	109	219
April	45	18	19	23	57	162
May	44	20	27	32	31	154
June	91	13	16	22	63	205
July	73	9	20	33	21	156
August	76	12	19	17	12	136
September	79	21	13	10	8	131
October	29	18	9	11	12	79
November	83	27	9	16	4	139
December	58	41	7	35	3	144
TOTALS	639	232	193	346	555	1,965

PUBLIC CARRIAGE DEPARTMENT.—During the past 12 months, 79 new vehicles have been licensed, viz.: 19 Tram Cars, 31 Stage Carriages, 18 Cabs, and 11 Cars; the cabs were all rubber tyred, of superior build, and fitted with the latest improvements.

At the present time 1,041 vehicles are licensed to ply for hire within the City, viz.: 597 Hackney Carriages, 247 Stage Carriages, and 197 Tram Cars.

The total number of men now licensed to act as drivers or conductors of public vehicles, is 2,688, viz.: 804 Hackney Carriage Drivers, 409 Stage Carriage Drivers, 521 Stage Carriage Conductors, 365 Tram Drivers, and 589 Tram Conductors.

Fully qualified veterinary surgeons have from time to time inspected the horses working in Omnibuses, Cabs, etc., and their reports as to the condition and class of the animals were satisfactory.

The whole of the vehicles have been specially inspected by an expert, half of them in May, and the remainder in November, and as a result 127 licenses have been refused or allowed to lapse.

This means that in time a corresponding number of new vehicles will be placed on the streets.

LOST PROPERTY.—There is again a noticeable increase (viz. 317) in the number of articles dealt with by this Branch of the Public Carriage Department. During the year, 3,540 articles, ranging from an artificial eye to a bank draft for £600, have been recovered from public vehicles and deposited at the Lost Property Office.

The estimated value of the 3,540 articles is £496 12s. 6d.; and the following is a brief outline of the class of property found in public vehicles :—

Umbrellas and Sticks	...	...	...	1,451
Parcels	...	...	...	338
Purses	...	...	...	341
Loose Money (in lots)	...	...	...	10
Postal Orders	...	...	...	3
Cheques	..	...	...	4
Gloves (pairs)	...	...	...	223
Bags and Portmanteaus	...	...	...	313
Articles of Wearing Apparel	...	...	...	295
Books...	...	...	...	164
Pipes and Tobacco Pouches	...	...	...	45
Articles of Jewellery	...	...	...	86
Spectacles and Eye-glasses...	...	...	...	53
Watches	...	...	...	13
Musical Instruments	...	...	...	3
Workmen's Tools	...	...	...	50
Miscellaneous Articles	...	...	...	148
Total	...	...	...	3,540

The miscellaneous articles include a live bird and three bird-cages, two dead ducks, bottles of whiskey and champagne, 16 pounds of soap, a quantity of butter, false teeth, and fountain pens.

The 341 purses contained coin, etc., to the value of £152 15s. 0½d.

Of the 3,540 articles, 1,567 were claimed and restored to owners, 1,132 were given up to the drivers and conductors who found them, and 841 are stored at the Lost Property Office awaiting claimants.

EXPLOSIVES AND PETROLEUM DEPARTMENT.—During the year there have been 40 additional premises licensed and registered under the Explosives Act, and 14 additional premises licensed under the Petroleum Acts for the keeping of highly volatile products of Petroleum and Carbide of Calcium.

The number of premises now licensed under the said Acts, and brought under the supervision of the Inspector of Explosives, is 1,560, against 1,512 last year.

EDUCATIONAL CLASSES.—Arrangements have been made with the Birmingham School Board to set apart a private room and a teacher at the schools at Nelson Street, Upper Highgate Street, Camden Street, and Cromwell Street, for the purpose of forming private classes for the instruction of policemen only. These classes commenced on the 17th September and have been attended by 271 men.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.—There are at present in the Force 650 members who have passed the first examination, and out of this number 321 have passed the second and 258 the third. Of the members of the Force who have not yet passed the examination, about 40 are recruits who have joined since the last classes were formed; the remainder are old officers.

The amount of work done by the members of the Association in the Force during the year has proved very satisfactory, as 910 cases have been recorded in which first aid has been rendered.

In several cases members have been complimented by doctors and others, and awards made by the Watch Committee for the promptness and skill of various members.

Several notable cases have occurred, of which the following are illustrations, viz. :—

1.—A lady broke a varicose vein in her leg above the ankle. The constable on duty in that district was called into the house. He applied a pad, bandaged the leg and raised it to prevent loss of blood. A doctor was subsequently called, who stated that he could do nothing more than the constable had done. But for the action of the constable, the old lady would have bled to death.

2.—A lady who had just dismounted from her bicycle was knocked down by a van drawn by two horses. She sustained a wound at the base of the skull, which was bound up by the police at Dudley Road Station. A doctor was called, who ordered her to be removed to the Workhouse Infirmary, a journey to any other hospital being too long.

A letter commending the prompt and skilful action of the police was received from the authorities at the Infirmary, and also a letter of thanks from Mr. Partridge. In this case the action of the police saved the lady's life.

3.—A man and his wife were found in bed at 11 o'clock in the morning of the 4th September, unconscious from the fumes of gas. During the night the chain of the gas chandelier had broken, thus allowing the gas to escape from the inner tube, causing the result stated. The police were called, and immediately commenced to apply artificial respiration, but only succeeded in restoring the wife to consciousness after 4½ hours' continuous work. The man unfortunately died.

The cases treated during the year have been :—

Wounds	664
Fractures	77
Fits (various)	105
Burns and Scalds	21
Varicose Veins burst	4
Sprains	7
Dislocations	10
Taking Poison, Attempt Suicide ...	9
Hanging	1
Dog Bites... ..	4
Apparently Drowned	2
Suffocation by Gas	2
Injury to Spine	2
Injury to Feet	2
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	910
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In January, February, and April, 1900, volunteers were called for by the Military Authorities, through the St. John Ambulance Association, for the purpose of proceeding to South Africa.

The Watch Committee kindly decided to grant six months' leave of absence to any man who wished to volunteer. About 40 members of the Force sent in their names, 18 of whom were selected and sent to London for about a fortnight's training, and subsequently to South Africa for service. Upon arrival there they were attached to the various Military Hospitals as orderlies, &c., where they have done good work.

Since the calls upon the Hospitals have diminished, nine of the men have returned home, one has unfortunately died of enteric fever, and the remainder have had further leave granted to them to enable them to continue their work. It is very gratifying to note that one of the latter has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant-Major in the Yeomanry Hospital Corps.

It will be observed that there have been during the year 589 Inquests, and the following show the finding of the Juries:—

Murder	...	...	...	...	1
Manslaughter	...	...	...	...	5
Suicide whilst insane (Males 31)...	...	...	...	...	} 50
" " " (Females 19)	...	...	...	...
Accidents	...	...	...	...	828
Natural causes	...	...	...	...	178
Other causes	...	...	...	...	82
Total					589

The 328 cases of accidental death include 87 cases of children suffocated while in bed with their parents or others.

The Royal Victoria Home at Brentry, near Bristol, for habitual inebriates, was opened in 1899, and since then six females have been sent from this City and admitted. Each of these has been committed for three years. The Justices periodically visit the Homes, and have expressed themselves thoroughly satisfied with the arrangements.

LOST CHILDREN.—During the year 2,141 lost children were found by the Police, and 2,138 were restored to their parents or friends, 7 were sent to the Workhouse, and 1 to Middlemore's Homes.

During the past year the number of premises found insecure by the Police was 5,540.

Captain the Hon. C. G. Legge, Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabularies for the Midland Counties, inspected the Force on the 24th and 25th September last, and expressed himself satisfied with its efficiency.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES HAUGHTON RAFTER,

Chief Constable.

INDICTABLE AND NON-INDICTABLE TABLES,
A to H.

SYNOPSIS OF GOVERNMENT TABLES,
CRIMINAL AND OTHERWISE.

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RETURN A.—INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—CRIMES

OFFENCE.	Number of Crimes Committed.	Persons Apprehended.					
		Total Number.			Apprehended.		
					Without Warrant.	On Warrant issued in First Instance.	On Warrant issued on Failure to appear to Summons.
		Total.	M.	F.			
Murder (of Persons aged above one year) ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Attempt to Murder	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Manslaughter	6	6	5	1	6	...	...
Wounding & other Acts endangering Life (Felonies)	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Endangering Railway Passengers	3	3	3	...	2	...	1
Malicious wounding and other like offences (Mis-	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
demeanors)	31	36	31	5	33	3	...
Indecency with Males	2	2	2	...	1	1	...
Rape	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
Indecent Assaults on Females	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
Bigamy	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Burglary	32	14	14	...	14	...	...
Housebreaking... ..	60	34	31	3	34	...	...
Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, &c.	71	50	50	...	50	...	...
Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Larceny of Horses, Cattle, and Sheep	2	4	4	...	4	...	...
Larceny from the Person	98	51	33	18	51	...	...
Larceny by a Servant	113	89	79	10	85	4	...
Embezzlement	51	40	40	...	24	16	...
Larceny of Post Letters	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Simple larceny and minor larcenies	1220	872	727	145	865	7	...
Obtaining Goods, &c., by false pretences	53	37	31	6	28	8	1
Frauds by Bankers, Agents, Directors, &c.	1	1	1	...	...	...	1
Other Frauds	5	5	3	2	1	4	...
Receiving Stolen Goods	32	32	28	4	31	1	...
Offences in connection with Bankruptcy	1	1	1	...	...	1	...
Arson	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
Other Malicious Injuries	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Forgery and uttering (Felony)	7	7	6	1	3	4	...
Uttering or possessing Counterfeit Coin	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
Habitual Drunkenness	3	3	...	3	3	...	...
Suicide (attempting to commit)	49	49	23	26	49	...	...
Malicious Wounding (Summary Jurisdiction)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Amendment Act, 9th August, 1899, 62 and	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
63 v., c. 22, Sec. 2)	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
	1860	1351	1127	224	1299	49	3

NOTE.—The number of Larcenies, &c., committed, as stated above, is inclusive of 290 cases where the

COMMITTED.—APPREHENSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Disposal of Persons Apprehended.						Persons (not apprehended) appearing to Summons.			Disposal of Persons appearing to Summons.						Persons whose cases were pending at the end of the year.		
On withdrawal of Prosecution.	Dis- charged. On the Evidence.	Tried Summarily and		Com- mitted for Trial and	Released on Bail.				Dis- charged. On the Evidence.	Tried Summarily and	Com- mitted for Trial and	Released on Bail.	Sent to Prison.	Bailed to come up for further Examination when required.			
		Discharged (Acquitted).	Convicted.		Total	M.	F.										
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	2	1	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	9	...	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	9	...	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	6	...	...	...	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	6	17	18	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	14	65	...	9	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	3	30	...	4	3	9	9	...	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
37	22	297	440	...	73	3	20	20	3	4	9	4	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	8	23	...	6	...	10	10	2	1	2	5	...	...	...	...	...
...	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	6	15	...	11	...	3	2	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
49	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...
...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
97	60	345	596	...	237	16	44	43	1	7	10	12	15	...	...	...	...

property stolen was of less value than 5s., and no person was apprehended or proceeded against

RETURN B.—NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—

OFFENCES.	Persons Apprehended.					
	Total Number.			Apprehended.		
	M.	F.	Total.	Without Warrant.	On Warrant Issued at First Instance.	On Warrant Issued on Failure to Appear to Summons.
Adulteration of Food and Drugs	...	...	...	...	...	...
Aggravated Assaults	55	1	56	46	5	5
Assaults on Constables	404	69	473	486	7	...
Common Assaults	518	70	588	532	23	33
Betting and Gaming	2	...	2	2	...	...
Brothel Keeping	2	4	6	...	6	6
Cruelty to Animals	2	...	2	2	...	...
Cruelty to Children	4	7	11	...	3	8
Diseases of Animals Act, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Elementary Education Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Explosives, Offences in relation to	...	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Acts, Offences by Owners and Drivers of Carts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Acts, Obstructions and Nuisances	139	10	149	147	...	2
Highway Acts, Locomotives	...	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Acts, Bicycles	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent Exposure	13	...	13	13	...	...
Drunkenness	2404	675	3079	3068	...	11
Permitting Drunkenness on Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences against Public Order	...	...	...	...	...	...
Illegal Sale of Drink	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against Closing Regulations	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labour Laws, Offences against Factory Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labour Laws, Offences against Shop Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious Damage to Fences, &c.	9	...	9	9	...	...
Malicious Damage to Fruit, &c.	6	...	6	6	...	...
Malicious Damage, Other Offences	97	17	114	112	1	1
Army Act, Offences against	347	...	347	347	...	...
Navy Act, Offences against	13	...	13	13	...	...
Offences by Pawnbrokers	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unlawful Pledging	11	2	13	12	1	...
Town Police Clauses Acts, Offences against	1	...	1	1	...	...
Borough Bye-laws, Offences against	730	103	833	818	...	15
Local Acts and Bye-laws, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Poor Law, Neglecting to Maintain Family, &c.	22	3	25	...	25	...
Poor Law, Misbehaviour by Paupers	6	1	7	7	...	...
Poor Law, Stealing or Destroying Workhouse Clothes	2	...	2	2	...	...
Prevention of Crimes Acts, Offences by Licence Holders	1	...	1	1	...	...
Prevention of Crimes Acts, Offences by Supervisees	11	...	11	11	...	...
Special Offences by Twice-convicted Persons	4	...	4	4	...	...
Prostitution	...	356	356	356	...	...
Railways, Offences in relation to	73	1	74	73	...	1
Revenue Laws, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Law, Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Law, Infectious Diseases Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Law, Local Acts and Bye-Laws	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stage and Hackney Carriage Regulations, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stealing Animals	2	...	2	2	...	...
Stealing Growing Fruit, Plants, Vegetables, &c.	12	1	13	13	...	...
Streets and Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tramways Act, Offences against	1	...	1	...	...	1
Vagrancy Acts, Begging	84	8	92	92	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Sleeping Out	308	64	372	372	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Gaming, &c.	687	...	687	685	...	2
Vagrancy Act, Found in Enclosed Premises	29	...	29	29	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Frequenting	34	5	39	39	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Living on Prostitute's Earnings	2	...	2	2	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Other Offences	98	39	137	137	...	...
Weights and Measures Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Selling Bread otherwise than by Weight	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act as Bailiff without Certificate	...	...	...	...	...	...
Infringement of Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...	...
Infringement of Merchandise Marks Act	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purchasing less than 56lbs. weight of Brass	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purchasing less than 56lbs. weight of Lead	...	...	...	...	...	...
Infringement of Companies Act	...	...	...	...	...	...
Infringement of Patent Act	...	...	...	...	...	...
Withholding Moneys of Trade Society	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences, viz. :—	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	6133	1436	7569	7419	65	85

APPREHENSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

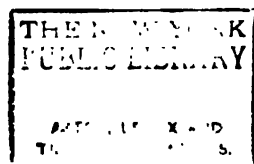
Disposal of Persons Apprehended.			Persons dealt with on Summons. (Either on Appearance to Summons or in Absence.)						Cases adjudicated on in Absence of Defendant.		Persons whose cases were pending at the end of the year.
Discharged.	Convicted.	Otherwise Disposed of.	Number.			Disposal.			Dismissals.	Convictions.	
			Males.	Females.	Total.	Discharged.	Convicted.	Otherwise Disposed of.			
...	...	...	87	16	103	22	81	...	...	...	...
...	54	...	19	...	19	...	19	...	...	...	...
23	450	...	13	10	23	4	19	...	...	...	...
106	482	...	498	219	707	349	358	...	...	1	...
...	2	...	12	...	12	9	3	...	...	...	...
...	6	...	5	15	20	11	9	...	...	...	...
1	1	...	296	4	300	80	220	...	...	...	...
3	8	...	37	29	66	31	35	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	7	...	7	3	4	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	4155	613	4768	916	3844	8	...	...	...
...	...	...	9	...	9	1	8	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	232	1	233	11	222	...	...	2	...
36	118	...	1368	69	1437	286	1151	...	...	24	...
...	...	...	4	...	4	2	2	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	32	1	33	2	31	...	...	1	...
...	...	...	3	...	3	2	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	170	41	211	23	188	...	...	2	...
...	...	...	16	...	16	13	3	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	129	5	134	84	50	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	4	...	4	2	2	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	24	3	27	12	15	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	119	5	124	24	100	...	...	1	...
...	...	...	6	2	8	1	7	...	...	...	...
...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	94	...	41	18	59	19	40	...	...	...	...
11	...	336	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	11	...	11	6	5	...	...	...	...
3	10	...	2	1	3	1	2	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	1457	136	1593	152	1441	...	...	14	...
72	761	...	384	23	407	59	348	...	...	5	...
...	...	...	131	75	206	41	165	...	...	3	...
6	19	...	5	...	5	1	4	...	...	...	...
...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
73	283	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	59	...	67	6	73	13	60	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	167	13	180	15	165	...	...	6	...
...	...	...	47	10	57	15	42	...	...	5	...
...	...	...	19	2	21	1	20	...	...	1	...
...	...	...	37	...	37	1	36	...	...	4	...
...	...	...	170	2	172	46	126	...	...	...	...
1	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
4	9	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	3	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	43	...	43	16	27	...	...	...	...
30	62	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
225	147	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
121	566	...	295	...	295	84	211	...	...	...	...
17	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
31	106	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	36	2	38	1	37	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	56	22	78	2	76	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	10	1	11	...	11	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	6	...	6	6	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	3	...	3	1	2	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	2	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
199	6022	348	10233	1345	11578	2369	9201	8	...	69	...

OFFENCES

(A.) Indictable Offences tried
Simple Larceny ...
Larceny from the Person ...
Larceny by a Servant ...
Embezzlement ...
Obtaining Goods, &c., by False Pretences ...
Receiving Stolen Goods ...
Endangering Railway Passengers ...
Habitual Drunkenness ...
Malicious Wounding (S. J. A. Act, ...)

(B.) Other Offences tried ...
Adulteration of Food and Drugs ...
Assaults, Aggravated ...
Ditto, on Constable ...
Ditto, Common ...
Betting and Gaming ...
Brothel Keeping (Crim. Law Amend.) ...
Cruelty to Animals ...
Cruelty to Children ...
Diseases of Animals Act, Offences ...
Elementary Education Acts, Offences ...
Explosives, Offences in relation to ...
Offences by Owners and Drivers of ...
Obstructions and Nuisances (ditto) ...
Locomotives (ditto) ...
Bicycles (ditto) ...
Indecent Exposure ...
Drunkenness, and Drunk and Disorderly ...
Permitting Drunkenness on Licenses ...
Other Offences against Public Order ...
Illegal Sale of Drink ...
Offences against Closing Regulations ...
Factory Acts, Offences against ...
Shop Hours Acts ...
Malicious Damage to Fences, &c. ...
Ditto to Fruit, &c. ...
Other Offences ...
Army Act ...
Navy Act ...
By Pawnbrokers ...
By Persons unlawfully Pledging or ...
Offences against Town Police Clauses ...
Offences against Borough Bye-laws ...
Offences against Local Acts and Bye-laws ...
Poor Law Acts, Neglecting to Maintain ...
Misbehaviour by Paupers ...
Stealing or Destroying Workhouse ...
Offences by License Holders ...
Offences by Supervisors ...
Special Offences by twice-convicted ...
Prostitution ...
Railways, Offences in relation to ...
Revenue Laws, Offences against ...
Sanitary Law, Public Health Acts ...

Whipping.	Fines.	Recognizances with or without sureties.			Cases in which a Second Punishment is added.		Otherwise disposed of.
		Probation of First Offenders Act.	Summary Jurisdiction Act, &c. (2)	Special Statute.	Whipping.	Recognizance with or without sureties.	
2	158	...	20	...	...	...	...
...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	23	...	7	...	...	...	...
...	12	...	2	...	...	...	...
...	12	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
...
2	216	...	33	...	...	...	3
...	81	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	302	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	555	...	75	...	...	...	...
...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	220
...	11	...	1
...	4
...	3844
...	8
...	222
...	1264
...	2
...	31
...	5
...	2813
...	3
...	50
...	2
...	15
...	100
...	7
...	9
...	6
...	123
...	336
...	12
...	5
...	12
...	1442
...	1104
...	165
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...
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...
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...
...
...	259
...	118
...	165
...	42



RETURN D.—CASES TRIED SUMMARILY.—

(a)—Indictable Offences tried Summarily.

OFFENCES.	Total Con- victed.	Sex of Persons Convicted.	
		Males.	Fe- males.
A.—Indictable Offences tried Summarily.			
Simple Larceny & Offences punishable as Simple Larceny	444	361	83
Larceny from the Person	18	12	6
Larceny by a Servant	65	58	7
Embezzlement	34	34	...
Obtaining Goods, &c., by False Pretences	28	23	5
Receiving Stolen Goods	16	13	3
Endangering Railway Passengers	2	2	...
Habitual Drunkenness	3	...	3
Malicious Wounding (Summary Jurisdiction Amendment Act August, 1899, 62 and 63 Vic., C. 22, Section 2)	1	1	...
TOTAL	611	504	107
B.—Other Offences tried Summarily.			
Assaults—Aggravated	54	54	...
" On Constable	450	393	57
" Common	482	433	49
Betting and Gaming	2	2	...
Brothel Keeping	6	2	4
Cruelty to Animals	1	1	...
Cruelty to Children	8	3	5
Obstructions and Nuisances	113	110	3
Indecent Exposure	12	12	...
Drunkenness	2701	2205	496
Malicious Damage to Fences &c.	9	9	...
" " Fruit, &c.	6	6	...
" " Other Offences	94	81	13
Unlawful Pledging	10	1	9
Town Police Clauses, Offences against	1	1	...
Borough Bye-Laws, Offences against	761	682	79
Neglecting to Maintain Family, &c.	19	18	1
Misbehaviour by Paupers	7	6	1
Stealing or Destroying Workhouse Clothes	2	2	...
Offences by License Holders	1	1	...
Offences by Supervisees	8	8	...
Special Offences by twice convicted persons	4	4	...
Prostitution	283	...	283
Railways, Offences in relation to	59	59	...
Stealing Animals	1	1	...
Stealing Growing Fruit, Plants, Vegetables, &c.	9	9	...
Tramways Act, Offences against	1	1	...
Vagrancy Act—Begging	62	61	1
" Sleeping out	147	128	19
" Gaming, &c.	566	566	...
" Found in Inclosed Premises	12	12	...
" Frequenting	23	18	5
" Living on Prostitute's Earnings	2	2	...
" Other Offences	106	72	34
TOTAL	6022	4963	1059

AGE AND SEX OF OFFENDERS.

(b)—Non-Indictable Offences.

AGE OF PERSONS CONVICTED.															
Under 12 years.		12 to 16.		16 to 21.		21 to 30.		30 to 40.		40 to 50.		50 to 60.		Above 60.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
...	...	28	4	122	34	120	27	48	11	27	5	7	1	9	1
...	1	...	4	...	7	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	2	...	14	3	23	2	14	2	4	...	1	...	...	...
...	6	...	12	...	12	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
...	6	4	6	1	5	...	5	...	1	...	...	...
...	2	...	3	...	5	2	3	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	1	...	...	...
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	33	5	154	42	171	31	84	17	44	9	9	2	9	1
...	4	...	23	...	11	...	10	...	6	...	...	...
...	67	10	209	27	76	12	27	5	10	2	4	1
...	...	3	...	64	5	197	19	88	12	55	12	21	1	5	...
...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	3	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
...	...	27	...	65	3	12	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	1	...
...	...	1	...	...	...	5	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
...	213	43	1107	203	512	150	226	70	87	19	60	11
...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	...	7	...	14	4	25	4	19	4	9	1	3	...	1	...
...	1	1	4	...	3	...	1	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	2	...	114	20	398	41	124	13	30	5	11	...	3	...
...	3	...	7	1	8	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	2	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...
...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	4	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
...	...	3	...	21	...	21	...	7	...	4	...	3	...	...	3
...
...	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	15	...	20	...	15	...	1	...	9	1
...	...	15	...	50	4	35	5	9	3	12	3	7	4	...	...
...	...	251	...	280	...	26	...	8	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	1	...	2	...	4	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
...	8	3	4	1	2	1	2	...	1	...	1	...
...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	6	5	25	11	21	11	11	7	6	...	3	...
6	...	324	...	917	148	2122	456	925	279	419	125	160	35	90	16

RETURN E.-QUASI-CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.

SUBJECT OF PROCEEDINGS.	Number of Applications	Number of Orders made	ORDERS ENFORCED BY IMPRISONMENT.						Number of Applications.	Number of Orders made.	
			Total.	TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.							
				Over 6 months.	6 months and over 3.	3 months and over 2.	2 months and over 1.	1 month and over 14 days.			14 days and under.
SURETIES— Order to find Sureties to Keep the Peace or for Good Behaviour	166	80	43	...	...	...	3	40		
BASTARDY ORDERS	144	125	7	...	...	...	1	6		
MARRIED WOMEN— Maintenance Orders under the Summary Jurisdiction (Married Women) Act, 1895	257	218	32	...	...	...	3	12	17	
CHILDREN—Order for payment of Maintenance under Prevention of Cruelty to Children Act, 1894 (57 and 58 Vic., cap. 41, sec. 7)											
Order for payment of Maintenance in Industrial Schools (29 and 30 Vic., cap. 118, ss. 39 and 40)	13	12	...	
Order for payment of Maintenance in Reformatory Schools (29 and 30 Vic., cap. 117, sec. 25)	92	50	...	
Order for payment of Maintenance of Deaf and Dumb Children in Institutions (56 & 57 Vic., cap. 42, sec. 9 (1))	3	3	...	
POOR LAW—Order for Maintenance of Wife, Family, &c.	29	29	...	
GOODS UNLAWFULLY DETAINED—Order for Restoration (2 and 3 Vic., cap. 71, Sec. 40)	82	49	...	
" FRAUDULENTLY REMOVED TO AVOID PAYMENT OF RENT—Orders to pay double value (11 George II., cap. 19, sec. 4)	2	1	...	
EMPLOYERS AND WORKMEN—Orders under Employers and Workmen Act, 1875	130	96	...	
SCHOOLS—Orders made under the Elementary Education Act, 1876, sec. 11	574	574	...	
Orders made under the Industrial Schools Act, 1866, sec. 14	52	52	...	
Elementary Education Act, 1876, sec. 12	8	8	...	
SANITARY LAW—Orders for Destruction of Unsound Meat	26	26	...	
Dogs—Orders to keep under Control	13	9	...	
INDECENT PHOTOGRAPHS, &c.—Orders to Destroy (20 and 21 Vic., cap. 83)	3	3	...	
SMALL TENEMENTS—Orders for Possession	34	32	...	
VOLUNTEERS—Orders for Payment of Subscriptions, &c.	8	1	...	
YEOMANRY—Orders for Payment of Subscriptions, &c.	

RETURN F.—Number of Crimes (Indictable Offences) Committed, and of Apprehensions in each Month of the Year.

OFFENCE	CRIMES COMMITTED.												APPREHENSIONS.											
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Murder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Attempt to Murder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manslaughter	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wounding and other Acts endangering Life (felonies)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Endangering Railway Passengers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious wounding and other like offences (Misdemeanors)	2	3	2	3	4	2	5	3	3	1	1	2	2	4	6	2	2	4	1	6	2	4	1	2
Indecency with Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent Assaults on Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bigamy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sacrilege (robbing places of worship)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burglary	5	2	1	1	2	1	3	3	5	3	1	5	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Housebreaking	3	5	3	2	1	4	3	12	2	5	5	15	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	10	1	4	2	8
Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, &c.	9	7	7	5	5	3	5	10	5	3	5	7	6	7	5	3	2	6	...	8	4	2	4	3
Attempts to Break into Houses, Shops, Warehouses, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Entering with intent to commit Felony	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Possession of Housebreaking Tools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny of Horses, Cattle, and Sheep	9	12	7	8	7	12	8	8	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny from the Person	10	7	11	12	11	7	10	8	10	12	10	10	7	2	7	8	4	7	4	16	3	13	12	6
Larceny by a Servant	5	7	4	3	3	2	3	4	5	6	5	7	4	4	5	3	1	1	1	5	3	3	4	4
Embezzlement	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny of Post Letters	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Simple larceny and other equivalent offences	129	139	102	89	100	82	94	81	102	91	102	109	73	85	92	44	60	73	79	68	69	70	75	84
Obtaining Goods, &c., by false pretences	4	3	6	6	4	5	4	3	5	4	4	5	...	2	4	4	5	2	2	2	3	3	2	8
Frauds by Bankers, Agents, Directors, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Frauds	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Receiving stolen goods	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences in connection with Bankruptcy	1	3	2	4	5	3	4	3	2	2	1	2	1	3	2	5	5	3	4	3	1	2	1	2
Malicious Injuries to Property (Arson)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Malicious Injuries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forgery and Uttering (Felony)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Uttering or possessing Counterfeit Coin	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Habitual Drunkenness	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Suicide (attempt to commit)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious Wounding	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	177	197	151	141	152	130	149	142	155	144	145	177	102	123	129	80	97	118	107	134	102	119	108	132

RETURN G.—PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.

POLICE DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.				DISPOSAL OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.							CONDUCT OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION. (Exclusive of Persons removed to other Districts.)				
	In District at commencement of year.	Entered district during year.		TOTAL.	Supervision expired.	Supervision remitted by Secretary of State.	Removed to other Districts.	Sent to Prison.	Missing and Gazetted.	Left England.	Died.	Under Supervision in District at end of year.	On Indictment.	Summarily only.	Suspected to be living dishonestly but not Convicted during the year.	Known or believed to be living honestly.
		From Prison.	From other Districts.													
City of Birmingham	83	103	28	214	39	1	34	37	14	—	2	87	28	9	33	110

TABLES OF STATISTICS, &c.

TABLE I.

TABLE showing the strength of the Police Force (exclusive of additional Constables), the Area of the City in Acres, and the average Acreage to each Constable; the Population of the City in 1891, and the average Population to each Constable.

Strength of Police Force (exclusive of 18 additional Constables)	700
Area in Acres	12,705
Acreage to each Constable	18
Population in 1891, Census 1891	478,113
Population to each Constable	683

TABLE II.

RETURN of authorised POLICE FORCE, and allowances as allowed to each Rank and Class on the 31st day of December, 1900.

Total authorised number of each Rank and Class on the 31st Dec., 1900.	RANKS AND CLASSES.		Total actual number of each Rank and Class on the 31st Dec., 1900.	Rates and Pay of each Rank and Class, as allowed on the 31st December, 1900.		Allowance for Boots or Clothing when not provided.	
				Rates of Weekly Pay.	Rates of Yearly Pay.	Allow- ance for Boots.	Allow- ance for Plain Clothes, etc.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
1	Chief Constable	1	1	800 0 0			
1	Deputy-Chief Constable	1	1	250 0 0			
1	Chief Clerk	1	1	230 0 0			
1	Detective Superintendent	1	1	250 0 0			
7	Superintendents {	1st Class	2	220 0 0		£2 10s. 6d. Annually.	
		2nd "	3	200 0 0			
		3rd "		180 0 0			
		4th "		160 0 0			
25	Inspectors	1st Class	8	143 0 0		£2 0s. 0d. Annually.	
		2nd "	9	119 12 0			
		3rd "	5	109 4 0			
71	Sergeants	1st Class	33	2 0 0		£2 0s. 0d. Annually.	
		2nd "	13	1 18 0			
		3rd "	15	1 16 0			
		4th "	8	1 14 0			
	Constables, 2nd Long Service Class		77	1 12 0		7s. 6d. per Quarter.	
	" 1st " "		119	1 11 0			
593	Constables	1st Class	128	1 10 0			
		2nd "	99	1 8 0			
		3rd "	111	1 6 0			
		4th "	42	1 5 0			
		5th "	19	1 4 0			
700	Total Force		696				

N.B.—There is a Progressive Pay, viz.: Superintendents, a 2, and 2 and 3 years' scale; Inspectors, a 3 and 4 years' scale from date of promotion; Sergeants, 3, 3 and 3 years; Constables on appointment receive 24/- per week; after 6 months, 25/- per week; after another 6 months, 26/- per week; after 4 years, 28/- per week; after 7 years, 30/- per week; after 10 years, 31/- per week; after 15 years, 32/- per week. There are also Merit Classes of 1/- and 2/- per week for Sergeants, -/6, 1/-, and 2/- per week for Constables.

In accordance with the terms of the Merit Class 11 Sergeants are receiving 2/- and 11 1/- per week; 7 Constables are receiving 2/- per week; 18 1/- per week; and 43 -/6 per week.

The Chief Clerk is allowed £20 per annum, in lieu of House, Coal, and Gas, and £12 in lieu of uniform; Superintendents are allowed House, Rates, Coal, and Gas free of charge; Inspectors in charge of Sub-Divisions or Stations are allowed the same privilege as Superintendents. Non-resident Inspectors receive 6s. a week for rent allowance. Detective Officers are allowed: Detective Superintendent, House, Coal and Gas free, £12 in lieu of uniform, and 3/- per week for incidental expenses; Inspectors £12, Sergeants and Constables £10 annually in lieu of uniform, with an additional allowance to Inspectors of 3s., and Sergeants and Constables 2s. per week for incidental expenses. Reserve Sergeants receive an additional 2/- per week while engaged in office work, and Constables engaged on Point Duty, regulating Street Traffic, are allowed 1/- per week while so employed.

TABLE III.
RETURN showing how the additional Constables are employed.

By whom appointed.	By whom Paid.	RANKS.				TOTAL.
		Supta.	Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Constables.	
Watch Committee ...	War Department ...	...	...	...	3	3
" "	Poor Law Guardians ...	...	...	...	...	...
" "	Markets Committee...	..	...	1	7	8
" "	Birmingham and Warwick Canal Co.	...	...	..	1	1
" "	Health Committee ...	...	2	.	...	2
" "	Water Department ...	...	...	1	...	1
" "	Birmingham Small Arms Co.	...	...	...	3	3
	TOTAL ...	...	2	2	14	18

TABLE IV.
 RETURN showing the length of Service and certain Ages of the Members of the Actual Strength
 of the Police Force for the Year ended 31st December, 1900.

RANKS.	PERIODS OF SERVICE.						AGES.	
	Under 5 years.	5 years and under 10 years.	10 years and under 15 years.	15 years and under 20 years.	20 years and under 25 years.	25 years and upwards.	Under 21 years.	Above 60 years.
Chief Constable	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deputy Chief Constable	...	...	...	...	...	1	..	...
Chief Clerk ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Superintendents ... ..	...	...	...	1	2	3	...	...
Inspectors ... ..	...	3	2	11	6	3	...	1
Sergeants ... ..	...	3	22	27	14	2	...	...
Constables	200	193	85	55	54	7	...	...
Total	201	199	109	94	77	16	...	1

TABLE V.
 RETURN showing the variations which have taken place in the Force during the Year ended
 31st December, 1900.

RANKS.	Resigned.	Dismissed.	Super-annuated.	Deceased.	Absconded.	Total Left the Force.	Total Joined the Force.
Chief Constable	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Superintendents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Inspectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sergeants	...	...	2	...	...	2	...
Constables	39	1	16	2	1	59	86
TOTALS. ...	39	1	18	2	1	61	86

POLICE ESTABLISHMENT and CHARGES for the Year ended December 31st, 1900, and Four preceding Years.

TABLE VI.

ESTABLISHMENT.										COST OF ESTABLISHMENT.																												
POPULATION LAST CENSUS	Chief Constable.	Deputy Chief Constable	Chief Clerk.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Additional Constables.	Detective Officers.	TOTAL.	Salaries and Pay.	Allowances and Contingent Expenses.	Clothing and Accoutrements.	Superannua- tions and Gratuities paid during the year. (Other than those paid out of Super- annuation Fund.)	Horses, Harness, Forage, &c.	Buildings, Station House Charges, Printing, Stationery, &c.	Other Miscellaneous Charges.	Total Cost.	Superannua- tions and Gratuities paid out of Superannua- tion Fund.																			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.																	
1900	478,113	1	1	1	6	25	71	569	18	26	718	58,358	11	3	1778	13	5	1,987	4	3	33	12	3	358	5	11	5,453	14	8	3,144	1	4	71,114	2	10	9,489	7	3
1899	478,113	1	1	1	6	25	70	570	18	26	718	58,386	18	9	1764	11	10	3,435	4	3	61	17	0	286	8	2	4,511	18	8	4,107	13	2	72,504	11	10	9,846	4	3
1898	478,113	1	1	1	7	25	71	568	19	26	719	57,996	4	5	1502	8	8	4,322	0	2	25	4	0	320	10	7	3,880	19	3	3,723	9	1	71,770	16	2	8,434	14	5
1897	478,113	1	1	1	7	25	71	568	16	26	716	56,595	9	4	2336	12	3	4,313	7	7	25	4	0	236	17	1	4,146	16	4	3,368	14	3	71,028	0	10	9,148	8	5
1896	478,113	1	1	1	7	23	70	571	13	26	713	57,656	14	2	1391	11	8	4,670	13	8	15	15	0	340	10	8	4,182	2	9	3,033	13	3	71,291	6	2	8,208	5	3

TABLE VII.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons charged with being Drunk, and Drunk and Disorderly; also showing the Number of Persons charged with other offences committed while in a state of Drunkenness, during the years ended 31st December, 1900, and Four preceding years.

OFFENCE.	1900	1899	1898	1897	1896
Drunk, and Drunk and Disorderly	3,135	3,410	3,670	3,055	2,897
Drunkenness, accompanied with other offences ...	3,556	3,937	4,286	3,970	3,383

TABLE VIII.

Trades and Occupations of the Persons who were Drunk when
Apprehended during the year ended 31st December, 1900.

TRADES.	Drunk and Disorderly		Drunk and Incapable.		Drunk and Assaulting Police.		Drunk and other Assaults.		Drunk and other Offences.		TOTAL
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Agents and Travellers	13	...	7	...	2	...	4	...	...	...	26
Bakers, Confectioners, &c.	7	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	13
Barbers	15	...	7	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	26
Barmen and Barmaids	2	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	6
Bicycle Makers	57	...	29	...	17	...	5	...	2	...	110
Blacksmiths and other Workers in Metal	73	...	58	...	15	...	9	...	3	...	158
Boatmen	7	...	3	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	16
Brass Casters	75	...	39	...	11	...	5	...	3	...	133
Brass Polishers	111	3	72	3	15	...	2	...	2	...	208
Butchers	12	...	13	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	27
Cabinet Makers and French Polishers	9	...	5	2	3	...	...	...	2	...	21
Cabdrivers, Coachmen, Grooms, &c. ...	21	...	91	...	5	...	2	...	1	...	120
Charwomen ... ..	...	15	...	23	...	1	...	...	...	...	39
Carters	17	...	48	...	3	...	5	...	1	...	74
Clerks	5	...	21	...	2	...	3	...	1	...	32
Coopers, &c.	9	...	7	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	20
Dressmakers, Seamstresses, &c. ...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Drovers and Cattlemen	21	...	14	...	9	...	...	...	1	...	45
Engineers and Fitters	40	...	37	...	2	...	5	...	...	...	84
Farmers, &c.	2	...	20	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	28
Firemen (Stokers)	21	...	29	...	3	...	6	...	...	...	59
Gardeners, Florists, &c.	1	...	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	7
Glass Blowers, Cutters, &c.	12	...	19	...	2	...	1	...	2	...	36
Gunmakers, Browners, &c.	19	...	17	...	5	...	8	...	1	...	50
Hawkers	95	19	68	13	17	2	3	1	2	...	220
Iron Casters	11	...	14	...	3	...	2	...	1	...	31
Jewellers	9	...	23	...	3	...	5	...	2	...	42
Joiners, Carpenters, &c.	7	...	21	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	31
Labourers	401	...	132	...	25	...	21	...	5	...	584
Laundresses ... ..	...	1	...	22	...	...	2	...	...	...	25
Lawyers, Doctors, & other Professionals	1	...	9	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	12
Masons, Bricklayers, Plasterers, &c. ...	41	...	49	...	4	...	1	...	2	...	97
Merchants, Brokers, &c. ... ..	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Miscellaneous Trades	57	...	48	4	2	...	5	2	...	...	118
No Trade	1	125	2	153	...	2	...	5	...	...	288
Painters, Paperhangers, &c.	39	...	33	...	5	...	4	...	1	...	82
Pearl Workers	39	...	47	...	5	...	2	...	2	...	95
Porters	57	...	35	...	9	...	4	...	2	...	107
Pressworkers ... ..	...	29	...	43	...	3	...	5	...	...	80
Printers, &c.	17	...	24	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	45
Prostitutes ... ..	...	127	...	42	...	5	...	5	...	2	181
Publicans, Beersellers, &c.	3	...	5	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	11
Reporters ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sailors	4	...	5	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	13
Servants ... ..	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	4
Shoemakers	4	...	7	...	4	...	1	...	1	...	17
Shopkeepers and Assistants	5	...	7	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	18
Soldiers	15	...	19	...	4	...	3	...	2	...	43
Sweeps	3	...	7	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	16
Tailors	11	...	21	...	2	...	1	...	2	...	37
Warehousemen and Keepers	3	...	8	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	15
TOTAL	1372	321	1132	310	215	13	121	22	48	2	3556

TABLE IX.

RETURN showing the number of persons proceeded against summarily for Assaults on the Police during the Years ended 31st December, 1900, and four preceding years.

YEAR.	Number of Persons proceeded against.	Number of Persons convicted.
1900	496	469
1899	585	557
1898	623	564
1897	589	562
1896	457	433

TABLE X.

RETURN showing the number of Persons proceeded against for Larceny and other Indictable Offences
 triable Summarily for the Years ended 31st December, 1900, and Four preceding Years.

	YEARS.				
	1900	1899	1898	1897	1896
Summary Jurisdiction Act 	968	831	999	902	751

TABLE XI.
 RETURN of Persons between the ages of 7 and 16 years, who have been apprehended by the Police and taken before the Magistrates, also showing the character of the offence for which they were charged, during the years ended December 31st, 1900, and four preceding years.

AGE AND SEX.														OFFENCE.															
7		8		9		10		11		12		13		14		15		TOTAL.				Felonv.		Misde- meanour.		Drunk- ennesa.		Va- grancy.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1900	2	...	4	...	36	1	32	3	67	2	83	6	140	9	226	5	284	12	874	39	310	23	406	5	...	...	...	158	11
1899	3	1	8	...	18	1	32	2	53	3	82	5	121	2	208	9	296	19	821	42	213	24	433	9	...	...	...	175	9
1898	...	1	8	1	19	1	33	3	54	1	100	8	140	9	252	15	326	14	932	53	281	32	455	12	1	...	...	195	9
1897	5	1	8	3	21	...	43	3	65	4	104	12	146	16	221	7	303	8	911	54	277	30	420	10	1	...	...	213	14
1896	...	2	14	1	22	5	37	2	64	2	98	6	141	4	176	6	213	15	754	43	249	23	160	24	4	..	...	241	16

TABLE XII.

RETURN of the Number of Public Houses, Cider Houses, and Refreshment Houses with Wine Licenses; also showing the Number proceeded against, the Number Convicted, and the Number deprived of Licenses for Misconduct, during the years ended 31st December, 1900, and Four preceding years

	PUBLIC HOUSES.				BEER HOUSES.				CIDER HOUSES ONLY.				REFRESHMENT HOUSES WITH WINE LICENSE.			
	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	License Deprived of	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	License Deprived of	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	License Deprived of	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	License Deprived of
1900	652	31	17	5	*1585	25	12	3	1	..	..	..	15	..	..	..
1899	657	26	17	..	1607	29	23	..	1	..	..	..	15	..	..	..
1898	653	16	7	2	1589	30	14	—	1	..	..	..	18	..	..	..
1897	663	13	8	..	1607	27	23	1	2	..	..	..	17	..	..	..
1896	661	9	6	..	1607	23	17	..	2	..	..	..	15	..	..	..

* Of the 1585 under the head "Beer Houses," 769 are licensed to sell Beer to be consumed on the premises, 179 for Beer and Wine "On," 449 are licensed to sell Beer to be consumed off the premises, and 118 are Dealers and Miscellaneous Licenses licensed to sell Beer, Wine or Spirits.

TABLE XIII.

RETURN Showing the Number of Premises registered for the storage of Gunpowder and Mixed Explosives, and the Number of small Fire work Factories and Stores for Mixed Explosives, licensed under the Explosives Act, 1875; also the number of Premises Licensed under the Petroleum Acts, 1871 to 1881, during the year ended December 31st, 1900.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.					PETROLEUM ACTS, 1871 to 1881.		
Number of Premises Registered for the Storage of Gunpowder.	Number of Premises Registered for the Storage of Mixed Explosives.	Small Firework Factory.	Stores for Mixed Explosives.	Total Registered.	Number of Places Licensed for the Storage of Petroleum.	Number of Places Licensed for the Storage of Carbide of Calcium.	Total Licensed.
100	1138	1	3	1242	263	55	318

TABLE XIV.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons summoned under the Explosives Act, 1875, and Petroleum Acts, 1871 to 1881, the Number Convicted, and the total Amount of Fines and Costs inflicted.

	Number of Persons Summoned.	Number of Persons Convicted.	Total Amount of Fines Inflicted.			Total Amount of Costs Paid.		
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Explosives Act ..	6	6	13	0	0	2	6	6
Petroleum Act ...	11	11	31	10	0	5	10	0

TABLE XV.

RETURN showing the amount of Money received for the Registration of Premises for the storage of Gunpowder and Mixed Explosives and the Amount received for Licenses under the Petroleum Acts.

EXPLOSIVES ACT.				PETROLEUM ACTS.			
Amount received for Registration of Premises, &c.				Amount received for Licenses.			
£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
62	2	0		79	10	0	

TABLE XVI.

RETURN showing the numbers of Hackney Carriages, Hackney Carriage Drivers, the number of whose Licenses have been Revoked or Suspended; and the number of Articles found in the Vehicles during the Year ended 31st December, 1900, and corresponding period of 1899.

YEAR.	HACKNEY CARRIAGES.				HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS.				ARTICLES FOUND.			
	Number of Hackney Carriages Licensed.	Number of Proprietors.	Number of Proprietors holding more than one License.	Number of Proprietors holding only one License.	Number of Hackney Carriage Drivers Licensed.	Number of Hackney Carriage Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number whose Licenses have been suspended.	Number of Articles found	Number of Articles returned to the Owners.	Number given up to Drivers.	Number waiting to be claimed.	
1900	597	131	86	45	804	16	17	703	316	224	163	
1899	658	161	96	65	821	19	32	649	300	180	169	

TABLE XVII.

RETURN showing the numbers of Cars, Drivers, and Conductors Licensed on Tramways; also the numbers of Omnibuses and Brakes, Drivers and Conductors Licensed; the number of whose Licenses have been Revoked or Suspended; and the number of Articles found in Tram Cars, Omnibuses, or Brakes, and brought to the Public Carriage Office, also the number of such Articles given up to Owners or Conductors, and the number waiting to be owned, during the year ended 31st Dec., 1900, and corresponding period of 1899.

YEAR.	TRAM CARS.							OMNIBUSES AND BRAKES.							ARTICLES FOUND.			
	Number of Tram Cars Licensed.	Number of Tram Car Drivers Licensed.	Number of Tram Car Conductors Licensed.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Omnibuses and Brake Drivers Licensed.	Number of Omnibus and Brake Conductors Licensed.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Articles Found.	Number of Articles Returned to Owners.	Number of Articles given up to Finder.	Number waiting to be Claimed.	
1900 ...	197	365	589	—	—	—	—	247	409	521	1	2	1	2837	1251	908	678	
1899 ...	176	340	524	—	—	—	—	255	353	575	1	2	2	2574	1085	785	704	

TABLE XVIII.

Return of the Number of Pedlars' Certificates granted in the Bimingham Police District during the year ended 31st December, 1900.

Number of Certificates granted.	Amount of Money received for Granting Certificates and paid to Borough Fund.
288	£ 72 s. 0 d. 0

TABLE XIX.

Return of the Number of Cattle and Vehicles found in the Streets by the Police and impounded by them; also showing how they were disposed of, for the year ended 31st December, 1900, the Amount received, and to what Account paid.

The Number of Cattle or Vehicles found in the Streets.	Number of Cattle or Vehicles restored to owners.	Number of Cattle or Vehicles sold, not being owned.	Paid to Improvement Account.	Paid to Superannuation Account.
417	410	7	£ 38 s. 7 d. 9	£ 9 s. 0 d. 0

TABLE XX.

Return showing the Number of Accidents caused by Steam, Cable, and Electric Trams, and other Vehicular Traffic in the Streets for the Year ended 31st December, 1900.

Accidents caused by Trams.			Accidents by other Vehicles.	Total.	Proprietors.
Steam.	Cable.	Electric.			
33	13	4	466	516	City of Birmingham Co. 46 Birmingham & Midland 3 Aston Tram Co. ... 1 City of Birmingham Co. 13 (Cable Trams.) City of Birmingham Co. 4 (Electric Trams.)

TABLE XXI.
A RETURN showing the number of Premises Found Open by the Police between the hours of
10 p.m. and 6 a.m., for the twelve months ended December 31st, 1900.

PREMISES FOUND INSECURE.

DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES.	BY DOORS BEING LEFT OPEN.	BY WINDOWS BEING LEFT OPEN.	BY OTHER MEANS.	TOTAL.	INCREASE ON LAST YEAR.	DECREASE ON LAST YEAR.
Shops	1,593	55	14	1,662	91	...
Warehouses, &c.	196	14	9	219	1	...
Factories	350	18	15	383	...	116
Dwelling Houses	1,937	280	27	2,244	...	366
Other Premises not included as above ...	1,000	12	20	1,032	...	133
	5,076	379	85	5,540	92	615

TABLE XXII.

A RETURN of all Inquests held in the City of Birmingham for the Year ended 31st December, 1900, by ISAAC BRADLEY, Esq., Her Majesty's Coroner for the City of Birmingham, and by ARTHUR HENRY HEBBERT, Esq., his Deputy.

NUMBER OF INQUESTS.										FINDING OF THE JURY.																															
Infants, Legitimate.		Infants, Illegitimate or unknown.		Children 7 years and under 16 years.		Youths, 16 years and under 25 years.		Adults, 25 years and under 60 years.		Aged 60 years and above.		Age unknown.		TOTAL.		Death by Wilful or Criminal Acts.				Death by Neglect, Exposure, or Excess.				Death from Causes Unknown. (Open Verdict.)																	
Under 1 year.	1 year and under 7 years.	Under 1 year.	1 year and under 7 years.	1 year and under 7 years.	7 years and under 16 years.	16 years and under 25 years.	25 years and under 60 years.	60 years and above.	Age unknown.	Murder.	Manlaughter.	Justifiable Homicide.	Executed.	Suicide while Insane.	Suicide, <i>felo de se</i>	Disease Aggravated by Neglect by Others.	From Want, Cold, Exposure, &c.	From Excessive Drinking.	Want of Attention at Birth.	Death by Accident.	Death from Natural Causes.	Death from Injuries.	Found Drowned.	Other Known Causes.	Found Dead. Cause of Death Unascertainable.	Still Born.															
M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.															
67	42	87	24	7	6	1	2	22	11	29	9	171	73	54	34	—	—	338	201	1	—	3	1	—	1	1	1	1	216	107	117	61	4	2	7	3	1	2	—	2	2

The 323 cases of Accidental Death include 87 cases (53 male and 34 female) of children suffocated while in bed with their parents or others.

In addition to the above Return of 589 Inquests, there have been during the past year 505 Deaths reported to the Coroner by the Police and others, where Inquests have not been deemed necessary. In each of these cases, however, enquiry has been made by Inspector Goaling, the Coroner's Officer, and his Assistants, and the various reports have been submitted by him for the perusal and consideration of the Coroner.

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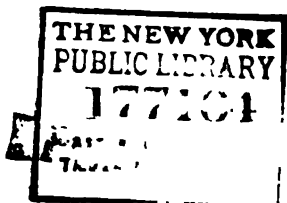
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Ex-Officio.

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COUNCILLOR A. GODLEE.

Birmingham,

26th February, 1902.

AT A MEETING OF THE WATCH COMMITTEE, held on
the 26th day of February, 1902,

MR. COUNCILLOR LANCASTER, J.P., IN THE CHAIR.

ANNUAL POLICE RETURNS.

The Chief Constable submitted Statistical Returns for the
Year ended 31st December, 1901.

Resolved,

“That the Returns be printed, and that a copy be sent to each
City Magistrate and Member of the Council.”

REPORT.

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S OFFICE,

CORPORATION STREET,

26TH FEBRUARY, 1902.

*To the Chairman and Members
of the Watch Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the Criminal Statistics and other Miscellaneous Returns for the year ending 31st December, 1901.

On the 1st April, 1901, the fixed strength of the Force was increased from 700 to 800 men, and in addition the Force will continue to increase by 20 men every year until a total strength of 920 is reached.

The authorised strength of the Police Force on the 31st December last was therefore 800, and 16 additional Constables (who are paid for under the Acts 3 and 4 Vict., cap 88, sec. 19). The actual strength was 759; their nationalities being—649 English, 76 Irish, 25 Welsh, 8 Scotch, and 1 German; their average height being 5 feet 10½ inches.

During the year 29 resigned, 3 were dismissed for misconduct, 13 were superannuated, 4 died; and 3 were on active service in South Africa.

One hundred and six men joined the Force during the year.

Of the 759 effective men, 253 are under five years' service; between five and ten years, 165; between ten and fifteen years, 151; between fifteen and twenty years, 99; between twenty and twenty-five years, 68; and 23 twenty-five years and upwards.

There were 164 members on the Superannuation list on 31st December last, viz., 4 Superintendents, 12 Inspectors, 30 Sergeants, and 118 Constables. In addition to these there are the two children of the late P.C. Snipe, who met with his death in the execution of his duty.

DETECTIVE DEPARTMENT. — This Department consists of 1 Superintendent, 6 Inspectors, 13 Sergeants (including 1 Clerk), and 15 Constables (including 4 Clerks). In addition several Constables in plain clothes, in conjunction with Detectives, have been employed at Divisions.

The value of property reported to the Police as having been stolen or fraudulently obtained within the City during the year was £5,964 11s. 0d., of which goods, &c., to the value of £1,940 4s. 8½d. were recovered, or 32 per cent. of the whole.

On referring to Government Table "G" it will be seen that the number of Convicts on License and persons subject to Police Supervision who lived in Birmingham during 1901 is 208. This number includes criminals who have been convicted for almost every class of serious crime. The Detectives have been instrumental in obtaining employment for several of these men, and in many instances those who have been found work have reformed.

**Comparative Return of Chief Offences—Return A—for the
Years 1900 and 1901.**

1900.				1901.				REMARKS.
OFFENCE.	Total Offences.	Persons Apprehended.		Total Offences.	Persons Apprehended.	Increase of Offences.	Decrease of Offences.	
Murder, Adults...	—	—		4	8	4	—	
Murder, Infants	—	—		2	2	2	—	
Attempts to Murder	1	1		—	—	—	1	
Manslaughter	6	6		9	10	3	—	
Wounding (Misdemeanour)	31	36		22	23	—	9	
Offences against "Criminal Law Amendment Act"	6	6		4	4	—	2	
Burglary and Housebreaking...	92	48		89	28	—	3	
Warehouse Breaking	71	50		127	64	56	—	
Forgery and uttering (Felony)	7	7		9	9	2	—	
Robbery, with violence	1	1		1	2	—	—	
Larceny from the Person	98	51		102	62	4	—	
Larceny by Servants	118	89		87	59	—	31	
Larceny, Simple	1220	872		1192	863	—	28	
Embezzlement	51	40		53	43	2	—	
Receiving	32	32		12	20	—	20	
Attempted Suicides	49	49		89	89	40	—	
Obtaining Goods, &c., by False Pretences	53	37		37	28	—	16	
Uttering or possessing Counterfeit Coin	2	2		5	7	3	—	

MURDER.—John Davis, age 30, labourer; Archie Fowles, 19, brassfiler; Joseph Adey, 23, polisher; and George Callaghan, 33, polisher; were charged with causing the death of P.C. Gunter. On the night of the 22nd July last, P.C. Gunter was called to a disturbance in Staniforth Street, and whilst there it was alleged that prisoners were amongst the crowd that had congregated. Bricks were thrown, one of which struck Gunter, fracturing his skull. He was taken to the General Hospital, where his wounds were attended to, and was afterwards allowed to go. In a few days however his symptoms became more serious, and he was detained in the Hospital, where he lay for some time in a very critical condition. He succumbed to the injuries he had received on 26th October last. Prisoners were committed to the Assizes, where Callaghan was discharged on account of insufficient evidence; Davis, Fowles, and Adey were convicted of manslaughter, and were each sentenced to fifteen years' penal servitude.

John Joyce, age 36, labourer, was charged with the wilful murder of John Nugent, aged 60, bamboo worker, of 9 court, 6 house, Price Street. Prisoner was committed to the Assizes on the capital charge, where he was found guilty, and sentenced to be hanged, which was carried out at H.M. Prison, Winson Green.

Fanny Busby, age 40, single woman, was charged with the wilful murder of her illegitimate child. She was committed to the Assizes, where the charge, however, was reduced to one of Concealment of Birth, and prisoner was sentenced to six calendar months.

Alice Woolridge, age 36, married, was committed to the Assizes for causing the death of her newly-born male child, but, on medical testimony, it was found that she was insane, and committed to be detained in custody during His Majesty's pleasure.

William Billingsley, age 25, labourer; Charles Webb, age 19, brasscaster; and Frank Parslow, 21, labourer, were arrested and charged on suspicion with causing the death of Detective Hibbs, London and North-Western Railway Company's employé. It appears that on Saturday evening, the 10th August, Hibbs, in attempting to arrest some men who were stealing coal from a

railway truck by the canal siding in Lawley Street ("Paddy's Bank") was attacked, and afterwards thrown into the canal, where his body was found. The evidence was insufficient, and they were therefore discharged.

MANSLAUGHTER.—Frederick Lovatt, age 18, tube drawer, was charged with causing the death of Charles James Lane, age 18, tube drawer, on the 21st September last. The accused was committed to the Assizes, where the Jury returned a verdict of "Not Guilty," and he was discharged.

Thomas James Palser, age 42, lodging house keeper, and Henry Hill, age 39, porter, were charged with causing the death of John Farragher, age 73, labourer, of no fixed abode. On the Coroner's inquest, both men were discharged, the Coroner's Jury returning a verdict of "Accidental Death."

Frederick Chamberlain, of no fixed abode, was charged with causing the death of John Evans, labourer. Prisoner was committed to the Assizes, where he was sentenced to one week's hard labour.

Thomas Amiss, age 69, labourer, of 111, Great Brook Street, was charged with having caused the death of his wife, Ann, age 72. He was committed to the Assizes, where a verdict of "Not Guilty" was returned, and he was discharged.

Following the direction of the learned Judge, the Grand Jury threw out the bill against Charles Lane, a bicycle fitter, against whom stood indictments for the manslaughter of Harry Walker, by knocking him down in 15 court, Bordesley Park Road, on the 29th May last. Prisoner was accordingly discharged.

William Cotterill, age 34, cabdriver, was charged with causing the death of George Henry Sabell, 46, tailor, of 66, Fazeley Street. He was tried and convicted for being drunk in charge of his horse and cab, and on the charge of causing death he was discharged, the Coroner's Jury agreeing that it was accidental.

Robert Small, age 21, of 164, Lawley Street, was charged with causing the death of Thomas Wilsdon, age 21, labourer, of 34 court,

Lawley Street. Prisoner was committed to the Assizes. The Jury returned a verdict of "Not Guilty," and prisoner was discharged.

Harry Graves, age 18, lamp maker, was charged with causing the death of Percy Moore, age 15, of Sheepcote Street. Prisoner was committed to the Assizes; where the Jury returned a verdict of "Guilty," with a strong recommendation to mercy. He was sentenced to three calendar months, in the second division.

Charles Nichols, age 31, of High Street, Harborne, was charged with causing the death of William Male, age 45, of High Street, Harborne. Prisoner was committed to the Assizes, but discharged on account of insufficient evidence.

INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—The number of these for 1901 is 1,875, against 1,860 in 1900. Of the more serious offences—attempts to murder and manslaughter—a brief account has already appeared in the preceding pages. In the apprehensions for burglary and house-breaking there is a decrease of 20, and a decrease of 3 for the same number of offences as compared with 1899.

SIMPLE LARCENY.—There is a decrease under this heading of 28, the figures for 1901 being 1,192, as against 1,220 in 1900.

RECEIVING.—There is a decrease of 20 offences for this crime, the number for 1901 being 12, as against 32 for last year.

COINING AND UTTERING BASE COIN.—For the past year 5 offences and 7 apprehensions are recorded. The 7 persons proceeded against were charged with uttering.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—There has been an increase of 40 offences and 40 apprehensions under this heading, the figures for 1901 being 89 offences and 89 apprehensions, as against 49 offences and 49 apprehensions during the year 1900. The 89 persons charged consisted of 50 males and 39 females, and in the preceding year 28 males and 26 females.

As will be seen, the total number of Indictable Offences during the year was 1875, the number of persons proceeded against for these offences being 1,375. The 1,875 crimes were made up as follows :—

GOVERNMENT TABLES.

Offences against the Person (these include Murder, Manslaughter, Wounding) and Offences against the Criminal Law Amendment Act	41
Offences against Property with Violence, viz., Burglary, Housebreaking, Shopbreaking, Assaults and Robbery, &c.	223
Offences against Property without Violence, viz., Simple Larceny, Larceny (Person), Larceny (Servant), Embezzlement, &c....	1,495
Malicious Injury to Property	5
Forgery and Offences against the Currency, viz., Forgery, Uttering, Coining, &c. ...	14
Other Offences, viz., Attempted Suicide, &c. ...	97
Total	<u>1,875</u>

The following is a comparative return, for the years 1900 and 1901, of the principal cases dealt with summarily by the Justices:—

Comparative Return of Chief Offences. Persons proceeded against Summarily, Tables B and C, for the years 1900 and 1901.

1900.		1901.		
NATURE OF OFFENCE.	Number of persons proceeded against.	Number of persons proceeded against.	Increase.	Decrease.
Aggravated Assaults	75	51	—	24
Assaults on Police	496	507	11	—
Assaults (common)	1295	1293	—	2
Drunkenness	3290	3344	54	—
Wilful Damage	173	202	29	—
Elementary Education Act (not sending Children to School)...	4768	2868	—	1900
OTHER OFFENCES.				
Vagrancy Act: Begging	92	147	55	—
Sleeping out	372	366	—	6
Gaming	982	1015	33	—
Found on enclosed premises	29	40	11	—
Keeping Brothels (Criminal Law Amendment Act)	26	32	6	—
Prostitution	356	429	73	—
Town Police Clauses Act	3040	3366	326	—
Borough Bye-Laws				
Local Acts & Bye-Laws				
Highway Acts, viz. :				
Bicycles	1856	1873	17	—
Offences by Owners & Drivers of Carts				
Obstructions and Nuisances...				
Army and Navy Act	360	234	—	126
Hackney Carriages, Offences against	172	145	—	27

The total number of non-indictable offences tried summarily is 17,238, being a decrease of 1,914 on the year 1900. The decrease is general, with few exceptions, and the headings under which the greater decrease occurs are as follows :— Assaults (aggravated), 24 ; Army and Navy Acts, 126 ; and Elementary Education Act, 1,900.

The particulars of the Offences tried summarily were made up as follows :—

Assaults	1,851
Frequenting	50
Brothel Keeping	32
Cruelty to Animals	226
Prostitution	429
Malicious Damage to Property... ..	217
Highway Acts, Offences against, viz. :—Bicycles, Owners and Drivers of Carts, Obstructions and Nuisances	1,873
Elementary Education Acts	2,868
Local Acts and Bye-laws	3,366
Vagrancy Act, Offences against, viz. :—Begging, Sleeping out, Gaming, &c.	1,568
Sanitary Laws	88
Stage and Hackney Carriage Regulations	145
Drunkenness, Permitting Drunkenness, &c.	3,394
Army and Navy Acts	234
Other Offences	892
Total	<u>17,238</u>

The method of procedure was as follows :—

Arrested without Warrant	...	...	...	7,568
Arrested on Warrant issued in first instance	...			76
Arrested on Warrant issued on failure to appear to Summons	...	...	...	75
Proceeded against by Summons	...	...		9,514
Total	...	...	...	<u>17,238</u>

The following was the result of proceedings :—

Convicted	...	...	...	...	18,809
Charge withdrawn (no prosecution)	...	...			1,295
Charge dismissed (no evidence)	...	...			720
Discharged under Summary Jurisdiction Act, Section 16 (i.)	...	...	...	...	1,177
Delivered to Naval and Military Authorities, &c.	...				220
Committed to Industrial School for not attending School, &c.	...	...	...	...	12
					<u>17,238</u>

LICENSING ACTS.

The following Table, which was presented at the last Brewster Sessions, shows the offences committed by Licensed Victuallers and Beer Sellers, and the Decisions of the Justices, during the past 12 months ending August 31st, 1901 :—

LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

Selling Drink to Drunken Persons...	...	...	...	5
Suffering Gaming	...	...	...	8
Permitting Drunkenness	...	...	...	8
Total	...	...	...	<u>16</u>

DECISIONS.

Fined 50 shillings and costs	..	...	2
Fined 30 shillings and costs	...	...	1
Fined 20 shillings and costs	...	...	1
Fined 10 shillings and costs	...	...	1
Withdrawn	...	...	11
Total	...	...	16

BEER SELLERS.

Suffering Licensed Premises to be used for Horse Racing	...	...	5
Permitting Drunkenness	...	...	8
Prohibited Hours	...	...	3
Druuk in own House	...	...	2
Selling Drink to Drunken Persons	...	...	14
Selling Drink in an Entry of Licensed Premises (Off-License)	...	...	1
Selling Drink to Child on Premises under 13 years of age	...	...	1
Total	...	...	34

DECISIONS.

Fined £5 and costs, and license endorsed	...	...	1
Fined £5 and costs	...	...	3
Fined £2 and costs	...	...	4
Fined 30 shillings and costs	...	...	1
Fined £1 and costs	...	...	4
Fined 10 shillings and costs	...	...	2
To pay costs	...	...	1
Dismissed	...	...	5
Withdrawn	...	...	13
Total	...	...	34

STRAY DOGS.—During the year special instructions were again given to the Police to remove stray dogs from the streets of the City to the Dogs' Homes, New Canal Street and Icknield Port Road, with the results shown in the following Table :—

MONTH.	A	B	C	D	E	TOTAL.
	Division.	Division.	Division.	Division.	Division.	
January ...	88	40	22	20	10	180
February ...	77	27	19	8	6	137
March ...	62	35	12	12	6	127
April ...	55	9	7	10	2	83
May ...	59	12	6	18	1	96
June ...	62	32	4	6	—	104
July ...	45	18	9	8	15	95
August ...	43	17	10	1	30	101
September ...	32	2	7	—	45	86
October ...	32	18	—	1	11	62
November ...	51	16	4	—	5	76
December ...	32	9	1	—	4	46
TOTALS ...	638	235	101	84	135	1,193

PUBLIC CARRIAGE DEPARTMENT.—During the past 12 months, 84 new vehicles have been licensed, viz. : 25 Tram Cars, 21 Stage Carriages, and 38 Hackney Carriages ; 20 of the new Tram Cars were licensed for the new Overhead Electric route, and the remaining 5 for the Cable route. The Stage Carriages are made up principally of Char-a-bancs, only 5 Omnibuses being included under this heading. The 38 Hackney Carriages comprise 30 Cabs and 8 Cars ; the former are all rubber tyred, well built and furnished, and presented a very smart appearance.

At the present time 1,096 vehicles are licensed to ply for hire in the City. These are made up as follows :—

Hackney Carriages	628
Stage Carriages	260
Tram Cars	208
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Total		1,096
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This is an increase of 55 vehicles on last year's total.

The following is a summary of the number of men now licensed to act as Drivers or Conductors of Public Carriages :—

Hackney Carriage Drivers...	...	...	...	767
Stage Carriage Drivers	457
Stage Carriage Conductors	515
Tram Drivers...	414
Tram Conductors	682
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Total	2,835
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Comparing these figures with those given in my last Report, it will be found that there is an increase of 147 men under the supervision of this Department :—

The horses employed in public vehicles have been periodically examined by the Official Veterinary Surgeons, whose reports have been satisfactory.

In August last a new system of inspecting and licensing public vehicles was brought into operation. Under this system the vehicles are divided into 12 sections, one section being called up for inspection each month. This has proved to be more satisfactory than the old system, under which only two inspections were held during the year. The Proprietors have now more time to have the necessary repairs, &c., carried out, with the result that the vehicles have improved in appearance. During the year 29 licenses have been refused or allowed to lapse.

LOST PROPERTY.—During the year 4,815 articles (or an increase of 775 on last year's total) have been dealt with at the Public Carriage Office. The estimated value of the property is £506 4s. 3d., and the following list gives an idea of the variety of articles left in public carriages :—

Umbrellas and Sticks	...	...	...	1,675
Parcels	...	...	...	247
Purses	...	...	...	428
Loose Money (in lots)	...	...	...	20
Cheques	..	...	...	5
Bank Notes	...	...	...	7
Gloves (pairs)	...	...	...	286
Bags and Portmanteaus	...	...	...	350
Articles of Wearing Apparel	...	...	...	397
Books ...	...	...	...	263
Boots (pairs) ...	...	...	...	47
Pipes and Tobacco Pouches	...	..	...	53
Spectacles and Eye-glasses...	...	...	...	71
Opera Glasses	...	...	...	10
Watches	...	...	...	18
Articles of Jewellery	...	...	...	111
Workmen's Tools	...	...	...	70
Pictures	...	...	...	35
Miscellaneous Articles	...	...	...	227
Total	...	...	...	4,815

The miscellaneous articles include a can of live fish, four gross boxes of pills, pork pies, oysters, a camera, and a bundle of rose trees.

The 428 purses contained coin, &c., to the value of £145 14s. 4½d.; the 20 lots of loose money amounted to £18 3s. 5½d.; the 5 cheques were worth £29 1s. 2d.; and the 7 bank notes represented £35.

Of the 4,815 articles, 1,880 were restored to owners; 1,294 were handed to the drivers or conductors who found them; and 1,141 are still at the Lost Property Office awaiting claimants.

EDUCATIONAL CLASSES.—In the month of February, 1901, owing to the strength of the Force being raised from 700 to 800 men, the Educational Classes in connection with the Force, which have been in operation for upwards of fifteen years, were, under the direction of the Chief Constable, remodelled, and the training staff strengthened.

In addition to the ordinary details of elementary education, the recruits are carefully instructed with regard to their powers and duties, and how to act properly in the many cases of emergency calling for prompt Police action. The mode of putting cases properly before the Justices, and the correct manner of giving evidence, are thoroughly explained, and the proper observance of these rules has doubtless facilitated the heavy work of the Courts. The men receive also a thorough preparation in the method of framing properly the official reports of general occurrences, of offences under the bye-laws, &c. At the end of six months the men are submitted to a test examination, and if successful receive class promotion, and are awarded an educational certificate.

During the past twelve months 143 recruits have been under instruction.

The Night Classes held at Nelson Street, Upper Highgate Street, Camden Street, and Cromwell Street, arranged with the School Board Authorities for the elementary education of the Police, have been attended by the recruits who have joined during the present year, and others who wished to avail themselves of the opportunity, with very satisfactory results—viz., 87 per cent. of attendances.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.—There are at present in the Force 675 members who have passed the first examination, and out of this number 360 have passed the second and 286 the third. Of the 84 members of the Force who have not yet passed the examination, 61 are recruits who have joined since the last classes were formed; the remainder are old officers.

The amount of work done by the members of the Association in the Force during the year has proved very satisfactory, as 1,010 cases have been recorded in which first aid has been rendered.

In several cases members have been complimented by doctors and others, and awards made by the Watch Committee for the promptness and skill of various members.

Several notable cases have occurred, of which the following are illustrations, viz. :—

1.—A man named Edwin Turner, age 31, of Heneage Street, was on August 4 engaged in disconnecting some gas pipes in Vittoria Street, when one of the bags used to plug up a disconnected pipe came from its place. Turner was overcome, and two other men were affected to a slighter degree. P.C. 57 C. Daniels sprang down the excavation, now full of gas, and lifted Turner up to the fresh air. For half-an-hour Daniels persevered in Sylvester's method of restoring animation, until Turner was sufficiently recovered to be taken to the Hospital.

P.C. Daniels was afterwards presented with the Royal Humane Society's bronze medal and certificate.

2.—A servant girl named Sarah Box had been found unconscious in her bedroom from the effects of gas fumes escaping from a gas jet, the tap of which had been accidentally turned on. P.C. 63 B., McHale, was called in, and at once commenced efforts to restore animation. P.C. B. 95 Watts joined him, and in turns the pair proceeded with the laborious work for fifty minutes, by which time signs of life were perceivable. Dr. Hallwright, referring to the case, said that "Sarah Box, who was narcotised and dying from the effects of the coal gas, owed her life to the very efficient aid rendered by the Constables." The girl had so far gone that it was more than twelve hours before she regained consciousness.

Both of the Constables have received the Royal Humane Society's certificates.

By the same Society, certificates have been presented to P.C. B.90, William Crawford, for resuscitating a person whom he had rescued from a burning building in Blythe Street in June last; also the Royal Society for the Protection of Life from Fire has forwarded Crawford a Postal Order for £3 3s. and a bronze medal.

On the recommendation of the Judicial Sub-Committee, Police-sergeant George Watkins and Police-constable John McAndrew were awarded a gratuity of one guinea, and in addition were complimented in Police Orders, and Police-constable Whitley a guinea for rendering first aid to a man who had been rescued from the canal.

In February, Ambulance Volunteers were again called for to go to the war. About 20 members volunteered; 6 were selected. These, with 9 others, who were in South Africa at the beginning of the year, have returned, except Police-constable Manton, who resigned and joined the South African Police.

The cases treated during the year have been :—

Wounds	788
Fractures	46
Fits (various)	105
Burns and Scalds	22
Varicose Veins burst	1
Sprains	14
Dislocations	3
Taking Poison, Attempted Suicide ...	9
Dog Bites... ..	8
Apparently Drowned	3
Suffocation by Gas	5
Cutting Throats	5
Frost Bite	1
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	1,010
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It will be observed that there have been during the year 624 Inquests, and the following show the finding of the Juries :—

Murder	...	...	...	...	6
Manslaughter	...	...	...	...	7
Suicide whilst insane (Males 46)	...	...	...	...	} 56
" " " (Females 10)	...	...	...	...
Accidents	...	...	...	...	303
Natural causes	...	...	...	...	189
Other causes	...	...	...	...	63
Total					624

The 303 cases of accidental death include 79 cases of children suffocated while in bed with their parents or others.

The Royal Victoria Homes at Brentry, near Bristol, for habitual inebriates, were opened in 1899, and since then nine females have been sent from this City and admitted. Each of these has been committed for three years. The Justices periodically visit the Homes, and have expressed themselves thoroughly satisfied with the arrangements.

LOST CHILDREN.—During the year 1,987 lost children were found by the Police, and 1,981 were restored to their parents or friends, and 6 were sent to the Workhouse.

During the past year the number of premises found insecure by the Police was 5,366. Such carelessness much increases the number of larcenies (see Table XX.).

Captain the Hon. C. G. Legge, His Majesty's Inspector of Constabularies for the Midland Counties, inspected the Force on the 19th and 20th April last, and expressed himself satisfied with its efficiency.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
CHARLES HAUGHTON RAFTER,
Chief Constable.

INDICTABLE AND NON-INDICTABLE TABLES

A to H.

SYNOPSIS OF GOVERNMENT TABLES,
CRIMINAL AND OTHERWISE.

Indictable Offences, Crimes Committed, Apprehensions and Proceedings	TABLE A.
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Cases tried Summarily. Proceedings and Results	C.
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Persons under Police Supervision	G.
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RETURN A.—INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—CRIMES

OFFENCE.	Number of Crimes Committed.	Persons Apprehended.					
		Total Number.			Apprehended.		
		Total.	M.	F.	Without Warrant.	On Warrant issued in First Instance.	On Warrant issued on Failure to appear to Summons
Murder (of Persons aged above one year)	4	8	8	...	8	...	...
Murder (of Infants aged one year and under) ...	2	2	...	2	2	...	...
Manslaughter	9	10	10	...	10	...	...
Malicious wounding and other like offences (Misdemeanors)	22	23	22	1	22	1	...
Indecency with Males	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Rape	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
Defilement of Girls under 13	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Sacrilege	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Burglary	28	8	8	...	8	...	...
Housebreaking..	61	20	18	2	20	...	...
Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, &c.	127	64	60	4	64	...	...
Attempts to break into Houses, Shops, Warehouses, &c... ..	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Possession of Housebreaking Tools, &c.	1	2	2	...	2	...	...
Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob ...	1	2	2	...	2	...	...
Larceny of Horses, Cattle, and Sheep	5	8	8	...	8	...	...
Larceny from the Person	102	62	45	17	62	...	...
Larceny by a Servant	87	59	51	8	57	2	...
Embezzlement	53	43	42	1	17	24	2
Simple larceny and minor larcenies	1192	863	714	149	858	5	...
Obtaining Goods, &c., by false pretences ...	37	28	21	7	20	8	...
Other Frauds	4	4	4	...	1	3	...
Receiving Stolen Goods	12	20	14	6	20	...	...
Offences in connection with Bankruptcy ...	3	3	3	...	...	3	...
Arson	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Other Malicious Injuries	4	4	4	...	3	...	1
Forgery and uttering (Felony)	9	9	8	1	8	1	...
Uttering or possessing Counterfeit Coin ...	5	7	6	1	7	...	...
Habitual Drunkenness	5	5	...	5	5	...	...
Suicide (attempting to commit)	89	89	50	39	89	...	...
Obtaining and Publishing Indecent Books and Prints (Common Law)	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Neglecting to Bury Dead Bodies (Common Law)...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...
Sending Grossly Offensive Post Cards (47 & 48 V., c. 76, Sec. 4)	1	1	1	...	...	...	1
Wilfully Delaying Transmission of Telegrams (31 & 32 V., c. 110, Sec. 20) ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1875	1352	1108	244	1301	47	4

NOTE.—The number of Larcenies, &c., committed, as stated above, is inclusive of 290 cases where the

COMMITTED.—APPREHENSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Disposal of Persons Apprehended.						Persons (not apprehended) appearing to Summons.			Disposal of Persons appearing to Summons.						Persons whose cases were pending at the end of the Year.			
On withdrawal of Prosecution.	Dis- charged.	Tried Summarily and		Com- mitted for Trial and	Re- leased on Bail.				Dis- charged.	Tried Summarily and		Com- mitted for Trial and	Re- leased on Bail.					
	On the Evidence.	Discharged (Acquitted).	Convicted.						Bailed to come up for further Examination when required.	Sent to Prison.	Released on Bail.	On withdrawal of Prosecution.	On the Evidence.	Discharged (Acquitted).		Convicted.	Bailed to come up for further Examination when required.	Sent to Prison.	Released on Bail.
1	3	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	3	...	...	...	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	10	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	5	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	22	...	...	...	32	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	7	16	25	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		9	43	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		6	31	...	6	6	6	...	...	5	1	...	...	...	...	...
6	20	20	176	...	79	2	11	9	2	...	3	2	...	...	1	...
	1	6	16	...	5	5	4	1	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
		...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		7	6	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1		...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	1	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
85	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
105	77	324	603	...	229	14	23	20	3	...	...	18	4	...	1	...

property stolen was of less value than 5s., and no person was apprehended or proceeded against.

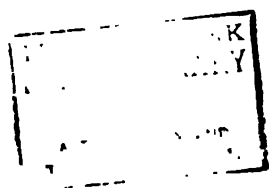
RETURN B.—NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—

OFFENCES.	Persons Apprehended.					
	Total Number.			Apprehended.		
	M.	F.	Total.	Without Warrant.	On Warrant Issued in First Instance.	On Warrant Issued on Failure to Appear to Sentences
Adulteration of Food and Drugs	...	...	...	...	...	...
Aggravated Assaults	38	...	38	34	2	2
Assaults on Constables	408	62	470	463	6	1
Common Assaults	537	57	594	535	26	33
Betting and Gaming	2	...	2	2	...	...
Brothel Keeping	1	2	3	...	...	3
Cruelty to Animals	1	...	1	1	...	...
Cruelty to Children	2	4	6	1	5	...
Dogs, Offences in relation to	...	...	...	...	...	...
Elementary Education Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Explosives, Offences in relation to	...	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Acts, Offences by Owners and Drivers of Carts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Acts, Obstructions and Nuisances	88	4	92	82	...	10
Highway Acts, Bicycles	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent Exposure	10	...	10	10	...	...
Drunkenness	2503	623	3126	3118	...	8
Permitting Drunkenness on Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences against Public Order	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against Closing Regulations	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labour Laws, Offences against Factory Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labour Laws, Offences against Shop Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious Damage to Trees, Shrubs, &c.	11	...	11	11	...	...
Malicious Damage to Fruit, &c.	4	...	4	4	...	...
Malicious Damage, Other Offences	103	23	126	125	...	1
Army Act, Offences against	216	...	216	216	...	...
Navy Act, Offences against	17	...	17	17	...	...
Offences by Pawnbrokers	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unlawful Pledging	4	14	18	17	1	...
Town Police Clauses Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Borough Bye-laws, Offences against	829	135	964	950	...	14
Local Acts and Bye-laws, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Poor Law, Neglecting to Maintain Family, &c.	31	6	37	...	36	1
Poor Law, Misbehaviour by Paupers	1	2	3	3	...	...
Poor Law, Stealing or Destroying Workhouse Clothes	1	...	1	1	...	...
Prevention of Crimes Acts, Offences by Licence Holders	1	...	1	1	...	...
Prevention of Crimes Acts, Offences by Supervisees	7	...	7	7	...	...
Special Offences by Twice-convicted Persons	2	...	2	2	...	...
Prostitution	...	429	429	429	...	...
Railways, Offences in relation to	59	6	65	65	...	...
Revenue Laws, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Law, Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Law, Local Acts and Bye-Laws	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stage and Hackney Carriage Regulations, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stealing Growing Fruit, Plants, Vegetables, &c.	20	...	20	20	...	...
Streets and Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tramways Act, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vagrancy Acts, Begging	121	26	147	147	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Sleeping Out	319	47	366	366	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Gaming, &c.	678	...	678	676	...	2
Vagrancy Act, Found in Enclosed Premises	39	1	40	40	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Frequenting	49	1	50	50	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Other Offences	75	100	175	175	...	...
Weights and Measures Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences, viz. :—	Infringement of Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...
	Withholding Moneys of Trade Society	...	...	...	...	...
	Selling Bread otherwise than by Weight	...	...	...	...	...
	Purchasing less than 112lbs. weight of Lead	...	...	...	...	...
	Infringement of Merchandise Marks Act	...	...	...	...	...
	Making False Statements to Registrar of Births and Deaths	...	...	...	...	...
	Pretending to be a Solicitor	...	...	...	...	...
	Polluting Canal Water	...	...	...	...	...
Total	6177	1542	7719	7568	76	75

APPREHENSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Disposal of Persons Apprehended.			Persons dealt with on Summons. (Either on Appearance to Summons or in Absence.)						Cases adjudicated on in Absence of Defendant.		Persons whose cases were pending at the end of the year.
Discharged.	Convicted.	Otherwise Disposed of.	Number.			Disposal.			Dismissals.	Convictions.	
			Males.	Females.	Total.	Discharged.	Convicted.	Otherwise Disposed of.			
...	...	...	72	13	85	16	69	...	...	...	...
...	38	...	13	...	13	...	13	...	...	...	...
29	441	...	26	11	37	8	29	...	...	...	...
107	487	...	489	210	699	331	368	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	4	...	4	2	2	...	...	...	...
...	3	...	10	19	29	5	24	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	225	...	225	69	156	...	...	...	...
...	6	...	27	31	58	23	35	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	2329	539	2868	710	2146	12	...	544	...
...	...	...	8	1	9	2	7	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	168	...	168	5	163	...	...	...	...
15	77	...	1530	62	1592	278	1314	...	...	9	...
...	...	...	21	...	21	...	21	...	...	...	...
2	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
397	2729	...	172	46	218	31	187	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	9	2	11	4	7	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	28	2	25	12	13	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	14	...	14	2	12	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	44	...	44	1	43	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
8	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
21	105	...	60	16	76	22	54	...	...	...	...
8	2	206	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
3	...	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
2	16	...	3	...	3	1	2	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1437	108	1545	137	1408	...	...	24	...
73	891	...	644	88	732	100	632	...	...	5	...
...	...	...	59	66	125	27	98	...	...	1	...
12	25	...	3	2	5	1	4	...	...	...	...
1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
67	362	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	52	...	62	5	67	9	58	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	142	14	156	14	142	...	...	3	...
...	...	...	28	6	34	13	21	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	54	...	54	...	54	...	...	1	...
...	...	...	144	1	145	29	116	...	...	1	...
9	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	4	...	4	2	2	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	24	...	24	3	21	...	...	...	...
74	73	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
233	133	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
104	574	...	337	...	337	88	254	...	...	...	...
19	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24	151	...	4	...	4	3	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	35	2	37	7	30	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	3	1	4	...	4	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	8	...	8	...	8	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	17	7	24	1	23	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	3	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	3	3	...	3	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
1240	6259	220	8248	1266	9514	1952	7550	12	...	588	...

OFFENCE	Fine.	Recognizances with or without sureties.			Cases in which a Second Punishment is added.		Otherwise disposed of.
		Probation of First Offenders Act.	Summary Jurisdiction Act, sec. 16 (2)	Special Statute.	Whipping	Recognizances with or without sureties.	
(A.) Indictable Offences							
Simple Larceny ...	172	...	14	...	...	...	...
Larceny from the Person	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny by a Servant	16	...	9	...	...	...	...
Embezzlement ...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...
Obtaining Goods, &c., by Fraud	5	...	2	...	...	...	...
Receiving Stolen Goods	2	...	1	...	...	...	...
Endangering Railway Passengers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences under the Post Office Act	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Habitual Drunkenness	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
	210	...	26	...	...	...	5
(B.) Other Offences triable summarily							
Adulteration of Food and Drink	69	...	...	...	...	...	...
Assaults, Aggravated	4	...	...	...	...	12	...
Ditto, on Constable ...	283	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto, Common	535	...	101	...	...	...	...
Betting and Gaming ...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brothel Keeping (Crim. Law)	25	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cruelty to Animals ...	156	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cruelty to Children ...	35	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dogs, Offences in relation to	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Elementary Education Acts	2146	...	...	...	...	...	...
Explosives, Offences in relation to	7	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences by Owners and Drivers of Motor Vehicles	163	...	...	...	...	...	...
Obstructions and Nuisances	1391	...	...	...	...	...	...
Locomotives (ditto) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bicycles (ditto) ...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent Exposure ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Drunkenness, and Drunken and Disorderly Behaviour	2820	...	...	...	...	...	...
Permitting Drunkenness on Premises	7	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences against Public Order	13	...	...	...	...	...	...
Illegal Sale of Drink ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against Closing Regulations	12	...	...	...	...	...	...
Factory Acts, Offences against	43	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shop Hours Acts ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious Damage to Trees, &c.	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto to Fruit, &c. ...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences	133	...	...	...	...	...	...
Army Act ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	206
Navy Act ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
By Pawnbrokers ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
By Persons unlawfully Pledging	18	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against Town Police Acts	1408	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against Borough Acts	1513	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against Local Acts	98	...	...	...	...	...	...



RETURN D.—CASES TRIED SUMMARILY.—

(a)—Indictable Offences tried Summarily.

OFFENCES.	Total Con- victed.	Sex of Persons Convicted.	
		Males.	Fe- males.
A.—Indictable Offences tried Summarily.			
Simple Larceny & Offences punishable as Simple Larceny	478	401	77
Larceny from the Person	25	17	8
Larceny by a Servant	43	36	7
Embezzlement	32	32	...
Obtaining Goods, &c., by False Pretences	16	12	4
Receiving Stolen Goods	6	4	2
Offences under the Post Office Laws	2	2	...
Habitual Drunkenness	5	...	5
TOTAL	607	504	103
B.—Other Offences tried Summarily.			
Assaults—Aggravated	38	38	...
" On Constable	441	388	53
" Common	487	450	37
Betting and Gaming	2	2	...
Brothel Keeping	3	1	2
Cruelty to Animals	1	1	...
Cruelty to Children	6	2	4
Obstructions and Nuisances	77	75	2
Indecent Exposure	8	8	...
Drunkenness	2729	2295	434
Malicious Damage to Trees, Shrubs, &c.	3	3	...
" " Fruit, &c.	4	4	...
" " Other Offences	105	85	20
Army... ..	2	2	...
Unlawful Pledging	16	10	6
Borough Bye-Laws, Offences against	891	780	111
Neglecting to Maintain Family, &c.	25	21	4
Misbehaviour by Paupers	2	1	1
Stealing or Destroying Workhouse Clothes	1	1	...
Offences by Supervisees	5	5	...
Special Offences by twice convicted persons	2	2	...
Prostitution	362	...	362
Railways, Offences in relation to	52	46	6
Stealing Growing Fruit, Plants, Vegetables &c....	11	11	...
Vagrancy Act—Begging	73	70	3
" Sleeping out	133	118	15
" Gaming, &c.	574	574	...
" Found in Inclosed Premises	21	21	...
" Frequenting	34	33	1
" Other Offences	151	77	74
TOTAL	6259	5124	1135

AGE AND SEX OF OFFENDERS.

(b)—Non-Indictable Offences.

AGE OF PERSONS CONVICTED.															
Under 12 years.		12 to 16.		16 to 21.		21 to 30.		30 to 40.		40 to 50.		50 to 60.		Above 60.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
...	...	50	7	136	24	101	14	71	21	25	9	12	2	6	...
...	...	1	...	4	2	5	2	4	4	2	...	1	...	...	...
...	...	6	2	8	1	8	1	7	2	7	...	...	1	...	...
...	5	...	9	...	14	...	3	...	...	...	1	...
...	1	2	1	2	2	4	...	3	...	1	...	...	...
...	2	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	57	12	157	28	126	20	102	30	41	10	14	3	7	...
...	2	...	10	...	12	...	9	...	5	...	...	...
...	82	9	177	18	73	17	39	8	12	1	5	...
...	...	3	...	62	2	155	12	116	14	80	6	24	2	10	1
...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	3	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	10	...	48	...	12	2	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
...	3	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	116	10	1092	171	589	146	301	77	125	20	72	7
...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	2	...	23	1	22	5	14	4	18	6	4	4	2	...
...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	3	1	1	1	2	3	...	4	...	1	...
...	...	40	1	172	34	236	38	178	31	117	8	26	...	11	1
...	1	3	9	...	9	1	2	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...
...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	49	...	170	...	101	...	38	...	4	...	...	...
...	...	5	...	21	...	9	5	7	1	3	...	...	...	...	1
...	...	4	...	5	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	6	...	28	...	16	1	6	...	13	2
...	...	12	...	53	2	15	3	16	4	10	3	8	3	4	...
...	...	327	...	200	...	41	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
...	8	...	6	...	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
...	11	1	11	...	7	...	1	...	1	...	2	...
...	1	12	8	16	26	31	27	11	9	7	3	...	...
...	...	408	2	821	120	1819	459	1100	350	626	156	228	37	122	11

RETURN E.-QUASI-CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.

SUBJECT OF PROCEEDINGS.	Number of Applications Orders made.	ORDERS ENFORCED BY IMPRISONMENT.						Number of Applications.	Number of Orders made.
		Total.	TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.						
			Over 6 months.	6 months and over 3.	3 months and over 2.	2 months and over 1.	1 month and over 14 days.			14 days and under.
SURETIES—									
Order to find Sureties to Keep the Peace or for Good Behaviour	162	29	...	...	...	...	...	29	
BASTARDY ORDERS	128	17	...	...	...	...	4	9	4
MARRIED WOMEN—									
Maintenance Orders under the Summary *Jurisdiction (Married Women) Act, 1895	230	43	...	...	...	...	1	27	15
CHILDREN— Order for payment of Maintenance under Prevention of Cruelty to Children Act, 1894 (57 and 58 Vic., cap. 41, sec. 7) ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Order for payment of Maintenance in Industrial Schools (29 and 30 Vic., cap. 118, ss. 39 and 40)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	45
Order for payment of Maintenance in Reformatory Schools (29 and 30 Vic., cap. 117, sec. 25) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	104	18	18
Order for payment of Maintenance of Deaf and Dumb Children in Institutions (56 & 57 Vic., cap. 42, sec. 9 (1))	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	2
POOR LAW— Order for Maintenance of Wife, Family, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	15	15
GOODS UNLAWFULLY DETAINED— Order for Restoration (2 and 3 Vic., cap. 71, Sec. 40)	...	...	...	...	...	...	56	30	30
GOODS FRAUDULENTLY REMOVED TO AVOID PAYMENT OF RENT— Orders to pay double value (11 George II., cap. 19, sec. 4)	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
EMPLOYERS AND WORKMEN— Orders under Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	124	90	90
SCHOOLS— Orders made under the Elementary Education Act, 1876, sec. 11	...	...	...	...	...	...	887	887	887
Orders made under the Industrial Schools Act, 1866, sec. 14 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	41	41
Elementary Education Act, 1876, sec. 12 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	12	12
SANITARY LAW— Orders dealing with Nuisances ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	13	13
Orders prohibiting use of Houses unfit for Human Habitation	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
Orders for Destruction of Unsound Meat	...	...	...	...	...	...	34	34	34
DOGS— Orders to keep under Control ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	5	5
Orders to Destroy...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	2
VACCINATION— Orders to Vaccinate...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	8	8
SMALL TENEMENTS— Orders for Possession ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	36	36

RETURN F.—Number of Crimes (Indictable Offences) Committed, and of Apprehensions in each Month of the Year.

OFFENCE	CRIMES COMMITTED.												APPREHENSIONS.											
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Murder	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	1
Attempt to Murder	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	4	...	...
Manlaughter	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Endangering Railway Passengers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious wounding and other like offences (Misdemeanors)	4	4	...	3	2	2	...	...	3	2	...	2	4	3	...	3	2	4	...	...	3	1	...	3
Indecency with Male	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rape	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Indecent Assaults on Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Defilement of Girls under Thirteen	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Bigamy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sacrilege (robbing places of worship)	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burglary	2	1	...	5	2	3	4	3	...	2	3	3	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Housebreaking	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, &c.	7	5	5	13	4	4	6	3	1	1	3	9	1	1	1	6	1	3	3	1	...	...	...	4
Attempts to Break into Houses, Shops, Warehouses, &c.	10	11	23	10	9	11	10	12	9	6	5	11	7	3	15	7	3	5	7	5	4	2	...	4
Possession of Housebreaking Tools	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny of Horses, Cattle, and Sheep	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	2	...	...	1
Larceny from the Person	9	6	12	9	10	13	8	9	7	11	3	5	7	5	9	5	5	7	6	5	4	3	2	4
Larceny by a Servant	10	9	3	5	10	7	12	7	6	7	8	3	3	3	3	2	7	3	8	6	3	6	4	4
Embezzlement	5	1	2	3	2	6	4	7	8	6	5	4	4	1	1	3	2	5	2	6	6	6	4	3
Larceny of Post Letters	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Simple larceny and other equivalent offences	127	104	101	101	90	94	90	74	107	91	120	93	95	59	75	74	71	68	72	58	65	77	84	65
Obtaining Goods, &c., by false pretences	...	...	...	...	4	1	6	1	2	...	5	4	3	...	4	3	4	1	5	1	2	...	4	1
Other Frauds	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Receiving stolen goods	...	...	...	3	...	1	1	2	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	6	...	1	1	3	3	...	...	1
Offences in connection with Bankruptcy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious Injuries to Property (Arson)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Malicious Injuries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forgery and Uttering (Felony)	...	2	1	1	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	1	2	...	1	1	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	1
Uttering or possessing Counterfeit Coin	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Habitual Drunkenness	...	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Suicide (attempt to commit)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Obtaining and Publishing Indecent Books and Prints	9	7	7	7	8	7	10	5	8	9	6	6	9	7	7	7	8	7	10	5	8	9	6	6
Neglecting to Bury Dead Bodies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sending Grossly Offensive Post Cards	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	195	152	163	166	153	154	154	133	160	139	162	144	145	92	120	124	116	110	120	101	104	109	112	99

RETURN G.—PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.

POLICE DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.				DISPOSAL OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.										CONDUCT OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION. (Exclusive of Persons removed to other Districts.)			
	In District at commencement of year.	Entered district during year.			TOTAL.	Supervision expired.	Supervision remitted by Secretary of State.	Removed to other Districts.	Sent to Prison.	Missing and Gazetted.	Left England.	Died.	Under Supervision in District at end of year.	On Indictment.	Summarily only.	Suspected to be living dishonestly but not Convicted during the year.	Known or believed to be living honestly.	
		From Prison.	From other Districts.															
City of Birmingham	...	87	92	208	48	1	36	30	10	—	2	81	24	6	25	117		

RETURN H.-HABITUAL CRIMINALS AT LARGE, HOUSES OF BAD CHARACTER,
POPULATION OF DISTRICT, AND STRENGTH OF POLICE FORCE.

POLICE DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF HABITUAL CRIMINALS AT LARGE.						NUMBER OF HOUSES OF BAD CHARACTER.				Strength of Police Force.	Population of Police District.				
	TOTAL NUMBER.			Thieves.		Receivers.		Other Habitual Criminals.		TOTAL NUMBER.			Houses frequented by Thieves.			
	Total.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				Public-Houses.	Beer-Houses.	Other Houses.	
City of Birmingham	272	220	52	165	37	28	9	27	6	32	16	4	9	3	800	522,182

TABLES OF STATISTICS, &c.

TABLE I.

TABLE showing the strength of the Police Force (exclusive of additional Constables), the Area of the City in Acres, and the average Acreage to each Constable; the Population of the City in 1901, and the average Population to each Constable.

Strength of Police Force (exclusive of 16 additional Constables)	800
Area in Acres	12,705
Acreage to each Constable	16
Population in 1901	522,182
Population to each Constable	653

TABLE II.
RETURN of authorised POLICE FORCE, and allowances as allowed to
each Rank and Class on the 31st day of December, 1901.

Total number of each Rank on the 31st Dec., 1901.	RANKS AND CLASSES.	Total actual number of each Rank and Class on the 31st Dec., 1900.	Rates and Pay of each Rank and Class, as allowed on the 31st December, 1900.		Allowance for Boots or Clothing when not provided.	
			Rates of Weekly Pay.	Rates of Yearly Pay.	Allowance for Boots.	Allowance for Plain Clothes, etc.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
1	Chief Constable	1	.....	800 0 0		
1	Deputy-Chief Constable	1	.....	300 0 0	.....	£12
1	Chief Clerk	1	.....	260 0 0		
1	Detective Superintendent	1	.....	250 0 0		
5	Superintendents { 1st Class	1	.....	250 0 0	£2 10s. 6d. Annually.	
		1	.....	230 0 0		
		2	.....	220 0 0		
		1	.....	170 0 0		
	Chief Inspector	1	.....	150 0 0		
	" Special Class	1	.....	143 0 0		
	" Long Service Class	2	.....	135 4 0		
23	Inspectors { 1st Class	3	.....	130 0 0	£2 0s. 0d. Annually.	
		9	.....	119 12 0		
		7	.....	109 4 0		
72	Sergeants { 1st Class	33	2 0 0	.....	
		10	1 18 0	.....	
		14	1 16 0	.....	
		15	1 14 0	.....	
	Constables, 2nd Long Service Class	118	1 12 0	.....	
	" 1st " "	130	1 11 0	.....	
655	Constables { 1st Class	92	1 10 0	.....	7s. 6d. per Quarter.	
		107	1 8 0	.....	
		134	1 6 0	.....	
		51	1 5 0	.....	
		23	1 4 0	.....	
759	Total Force	696				

N.B.—There is a Progressive Pay, viz. : Superintendents, a 2, and 2 and 3 years' scale; Inspectors, a 3 and 4 years' scale from date of promotion; Sergeants, 3, 3 and 3 years; Constables on appointment receive 24/- per week; after 6 months, 25/- per week; after another 6 months, 26/- per week; after 4 years, 28/- per week; after 7 years, 30/- per week; after 10 years, 31/- per week; after 15 years, 32/- per week. There are also Merit Classes of 1/- and 2/- per week for Sergeants, -6, 1/-, and 2/- per week for Constables.
In accordance with the terms of the Merit Class 10 Sergeants are receiving 2/- and 8 1/- per week; 10 Constables are receiving 2/- per week; 12 1/- per week; and 46 -/6 per week.

TABLE III.
RETURN showing how the additional Constables are employed.

By whom appointed.	By whom Paid.	RANKS.				Total.
		Supts.	Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Constables.	
Watch Committee ...	War Department ...	...	...	...	...	...
" "	Poor Law Guardians ...	...	...	1	...	1
" "	Markets Committee...	...	...	1	7	8
" "	Birmingham and Warwick Canal Co.	...	...	...	1	1
" "	Health Committee ...	...	2	...	...	2
" "	Water Department ...	...	...	1	...	1
" "	Birmingham Small Arms Co.	...	...	...	3	3
Total ...		...	2	3	11	16

TABLE IV.
RETURN showing the length of Service and certain Ages of the Members of the Actual Strength
of the Police Force for the Year ended 31st December, 1901.

RANKS.	PERIODS OF SERVICE.						AGES.	
	Under 5 years.	5 years and under 10 years.	10 years and under 15 years.	15 years and under 20 years.	20 years and under 25 years.	25 years and upwards.	Under 21 years.	Above 20 years.
Chief Constable	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deputy Chief Constable ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	..	...
Chief Clerk ... ..	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Superintendents ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	4	...	...
Inspectors ... ..	...	...	4	9	7	3	...	1
Sergeants ... ..	...	3	22	27	16	4	...	...
Constables	252	162	125	63	42	11	...	...
Total	253	165	151	99	68	23	...	1

TABLE V.
 RETURN showing the variations which have taken place in the Force during the Year ended
 31st December, 1901.

RANKS.	Resigned.	Dismissed.	Super-annuated.	Deceased.	Absconded.	Total Left the Force.	Total Joined the Force.
Chief Constable	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Superintendents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Inspectors	...	...	1	...	...	1	...
Sergeants	...	...	2	...	...	2	...
Constables	29	3	10	4	...	46	106
TOTALS. ...	29	3	13	4	...	49	106

TABLE VI.
POLICE ESTABLISHMENT and CHARGES for the Year ended December 31st, 1901, and Four preceding Years.

POPULATION LAST CENSUS		ESTABLISHMENT.										COST OF ESTABLISHMENT.																										
		Chief Constable.	Deputy Chief Constable	Chief Clerk.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Additional Constables.	Detective Officers.	TOTAL.	Salaries and Pay.	Allowances and Contingent Expenses.	Clothing and Accoutrements.	Superannua- tions and Gratuities paid during the year. (Other than those paid out of Super- annuation Fund.)	Horses, Harness, Forage, &c.	Buildings, Station House Charges, Printing, Stationery, &c.	Other Miscellaneous Charges.	Total Cost.	Superannua- tions and Gratuities paid out of Superannua- tion Fund.																		
£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.																	
1901	522,182	1	1	6	18		61	639	16	32	775	60,950	8	2	1758	1	2	6,722	19	6	44	2	0	355	17	2	5,554	0	10	2,787	17	6	78,173	6	4	9,691	6	9
1900	478,113	1	1	6	25		71	569	18	26	718	58,358	11	3	1778	13	5	1,987	4	3	33	12	3	368	5	11	5,453	14	8	3,144	1	4	71,114	2	10	9,489	7	3
1899	478,113	1	1	7	25		70	570	18	26	718	58,336	18	9	1764	11	10	3,435	4	3	61	17	0	286	8	2	4,511	18	8	4,107	13	2	72,504	11	10	9,846	4	3
1898	478,113	1	1	7	25		71	568	19	26	719	57,996	4	5	1502	8	8	4,322	0	2	25	4	0	320	10	7	3,880	19	8	3,723	9	1	71,770	16	2	8,434	14	5
1897	478,113	1	1	7	25		71	568	16	26	716	56,595	9	4	2386	12	3	4,318	7	7	25	4	0	236	17	1	4,146	16	4	3,368	14	3	71,028	0	10	9,148	8	5

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TABLE VII.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons charged with being Drunk, and Drunk and Disorderly; also showing the Number of Persons charged with other offences committed while in a state of Drunkenness, during the years ended 31st December, 1901, and Four preceding years.

OFFENCE.	1901	1900	1899	1898	1897
Drunk, and Drunk and Disorderly	3,171	3,135	3,410	3,670	3,055
Drunkenness, accompanied with other offences ...	3,566	3,556	3,937	4,286	3,970

TABLE VIII.

RETURN showing the number of persons proceeded against summarily for Assaults on the Police during the Years ended 31st December, 1901, and four preceding years.

YEAR.	Number of Persons proceeded against.	Number of Persons convicted.
1901	507	470
1900	496	469
1899	585	557
1898	623	564
1897	589	562

TABLE IX.

RETURN showing the number of Persons proceeded against for Larceny and other Indictable Offences triable Summarily for the Years ended 31st December, 1901, and Four preceding Years.

		YEARS.				
		1901	1900	1899	1898	1897
Summary Jurisdiction Act	...	949	968	831	999	902

TABLE X.
 RETURN of Persons between the ages of 7 and 16 years, who have been apprehended by the Police and taken before the Magistrates, also showing the character of the offence for which they were charged, during the years ended December 31st, 1901, and four preceding years.

AGE AND SEX.														OFFENCE.															
7		8		9		10		11		12		13		14		15		TOTAL.			Felonv.		Misde- meanour.		Drunk- ennes.		Va- grancy.		
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1901	1	1	6	...	12	1	26	2	37	3	74	5	126	13	210	15	257	23	763	63	225	48	387	1	5	2	146	12	
1900	2	...	4	...	36	1	32	3	67	2	83	6	140	9	226	5	284	12	874	39	310	23	406	5	...	...	158	11
1899	3	1	8	...	18	1	32	2	53	3	82	5	121	2	308	9	386	19	821	42	213	24	433	9	...	...	175	9
1898	...	1	8	1	19	1	33	3	54	1	100	8	140	9	252	15	326	14	932	53	231	32	455	12	1	...	196	9	
1897	5	1	8	3	21	...	43	3	65	4	104	12	146	16	221	7	303	8	911	54	277	30	420	10	1	...	213	14	

TABLE XI.

RETURN of the Number of Public Houses, Cider Houses, and Refreshment Houses with Wine Licenses; also showing the Number proceeded against, the Number Convicted, and the Number deprived of Licenses for Misconduct, during the years ended 31st December, 1901, and Four preceding years

	PUBLIC HOUSES.				BEER HOUSES.				CIDER HOUSES ONLY.				REFRESHMENT HOUSES WITH WINE LICENSE.			
	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.
1901	645	16	5	...	*1577	34	16	4	1	...	...	...	15	...	...	...
1900	652	31	17	5	1585	25	12	3	1	...	...	...	15	...	...	...
1899	657	26	17	...	1607	29	23	...	1	...	...	...	15	...	...	...
1898	653	16	7	2	1589	30	14	...	1	...	...	...	18	...	...	...
1897	663	13	8	...	1607	27	23	1	2	...	...	...	17	...	...	...

* Of the 1577 under the head "Beer Houses," 760 are licensed to sell Beer to be consumed on the premises, 179 for Beer and Wine "On," 447 are licensed to sell Beer to be consumed off the premises, and 191 are Dealers and Miscellaneous Licenses licensed to sell Beer, Wine or Spirits.

TABLE XII.

RETURN Showing the Number of Premises registered for the storage of Gunpowder and Mixed Explosives, and the Number of small Fire work Factories and Stores for Mixed Explosives, licensed under the Explosives Act, 1875; also the number of Premises Licensed under the Petroleum Acts, 1871 to 1881, during the year ended December 31st, 1901.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.				PETROLEUM ACTS, 1871 to 1881.			
Number of Premises Registered for the Storage of Gunpowder.	Number of Premises Registered for the Storage of Mixed Explosives.	Small Firework Factory.	Stores for Mixed Explosives.	Total Registered.	Number of Places Licensed for the Storage of Petroleum.	Number of Places Licensed for the Storage of Carbide of Calcium.	Total Licensed.
105	1181	1	2	1289	261	49	310

TABLE XIII.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons summoned under the Explosives Act, 1875, and Petroleum Acts, 1871 to 1881, the Number Convicted, and the total Amount of Fines and Costs inflicted.

	Number of Persons Summoned.	Number of Persons Convicted.	Total Amount of Fines Inflicted.			Total Amount of Costs Paid.		
Explosives Act ...	8	8	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
			17	0	0	3	1	0
Petroleum Act ...	4	4	10	10	0	2	2	0

TABLE XIV.

RETURN showing the amount of Money received for the Registration of Premises for the storage of Gunpowder and Mixed Explosives and the Amount received for Licenses under the Petroleum Acts.

EXPLOSIVES ACT.			PETROLEUM ACTS.		
Amount received for Registration of Premises, &c.			Amount received for Licenses.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
64	9	0	77	10	0

TABLE XV.

RETURN showing the numbers of Hackney Carriages, Hackney Carriage Drivers, the number of whose Licenses have been Revoked or Suspended; and the number of Articles found in the Vehicles during the Year ended 31st December, 1901, and corresponding period of 1900.

YEAR.	HACKNEY CARRIAGES.				HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS.				ARTICLES FOUND.			
	Number of Hackney Carriages Licensed.	Number of Proprietors.	Number of Proprietors holding more than one License.	Number of Proprietors holding only one License.	Number of Hackney Carriage Drivers Licensed.	Number of Hackney Carriage Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number whose Licenses have been suspended.	Number of Articles found	Number of Articles returned to the Owners.	Number given up to Drivers.	Number waiting to be claimed.	
1901 ..	628	146	87	59	767	10	19	672	328	185	159	
1900 ..	597	131	86	45	804	16	17	703	316	224	163	

TABLE XVI.

RETURN showing the numbers of Cars, Drivers, and Conductors Licensed on Tramways; also the numbers of Omnibuses and Brakes, Drivers and Conductors Licensed; the number of whose Licenses have been Revoked or Suspended; and the number of Articles found in Tram Cars, Omnibuses, or Brakes, and brought to the Public Carriage Office, also the number of such Articles given up to Owners or Conductors, and the number waiting to be owned, during the year ended 31st Dec., 1901, and corresponding period of 1900.

YEAR.	TRAM CARS.							OMNIBUSES AND BRAKES.					ARTICLES FOUND.			
	Number of Tram Cars Licensed.	Number of Tram Car Drivers Licensed.	Number of Tram Car Conductors Licensed.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Omnibuses and Brakes Licensed.	Number of Omnibus and Brake Drivers Licensed.	Number of Omnibus and Brake Conductors Licensed.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Articles Found.	Number of Articles Returned to Owners.	Number of Articles given up to Finder.	Number waiting to be Claimed.
1901 ...	208	414	682	—	—	—	—	260	457	515	2	—	3643	1552	1109	982
1900 ...	197	365	589	—	—	—	—	247	409	521	1	2	2837	1251	908	678

TABLE XVII.

Return of the Number of Pedlars' Certificates granted in the Birmingham Police District during the year ended 31st December, 1901.

Number of Certificates granted.	Amount of Money received for Granting Certificates and paid to Borough Fund.
306	£ 76 s. 5 d. 0

TABLE XVIII.

Return of the Number of Cattle and Vehicles found in the Streets by the Police and impounded by them; also showing how they were disposed of, for the year ended 31st December, 1901, the Amount received, and to what Account paid.

The Number of Cattle or Vehicles found in the Streets.	Number of Cattle or Vehicles restored to owners.	Number of Cattle or Vehicles sold, not being owned.	Paid to Improvement Account.	Paid to Superannuation Account.
439	432	7	£ 36 s. 0 d. 0	£ 9 s. 12 d. 6

TABLE XIX.

Return showing the Number of Accidents caused by Steam, Cable, and Electric Trams, and other Vehicular Traffic in the Streets for the Year ended 31st December, 1901.

Accidents caused by Trams.			Accidents by other Vehicles.	Total.	Proprietors.
Steam.	Cable.	Electric.			
34	12	3	401	450	City of Birmingham Co. 30 Birmingham & Midland 0 Aston Tram Co. ... 4 City of Birmingham Co. 12 (Cable Trams.) City of Birmingham Co. 3 (Electric Trams.)

TABLE XX.

A RETURN showing the number of Premises Found Open by the Police between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., for the twelve months ended December 31st, 1901.

PREMISES FOUND INSECURE.

DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES.	BY DOORS BEING LEFT OPEN.	BY WINDOWS BEING LEFT OPEN.	BY OTHER MEANS.	TOTAL.	INCREASE ON LAST YEAR.	DECREASE ON LAST YEAR.
Shops	1,476	47	36	1,559	...	103
Warehouses, &c.	249	7	20	276	57	...
Factories	421	16	36	473	90	...
Dwelling Houses	1,986	141	37	2,164	...	80
Other Premises not included as above ...	855	5	34	894	...	138
	4,987	216	163	5,366	147	241

Circulars are specially sent to the owners—where caretakers and others responsible have left their premises open inadvertently.

TABLE XXI.

A RETURN of all Inquests held in the City of Birmingham for the Year ended 31st December, 1901, by ISAAC BRADLEY, Esq., His Majesty's Coroner for the City of Birmingham, and by ARTHUR HENRY HEBBERT, Esq., his Deputy.

NUMBER OF INQUESTS.										FINDING OF THE JURY.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																						
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The 303 cases of Accidental Death include 79 cases (31 male and 48 female) of children suffocated while in bed with their parents or others. In addition to the above Return of 624 Inquests, there have been during the past year 516 Deaths reported to the Coroner by the Police and others, where Inquests have not been deemed necessary. In each of these cases, however, enquiry has been made by Chief Inspector Goaling, the Coroner's Officer, and his Assistant, and the various reports have been submitted by him for the perusal and consideration of the Coroner. Of the 624 Inquests held, 42 were on the bodies of persons whose deaths were due to circumstances which happened outside the City.

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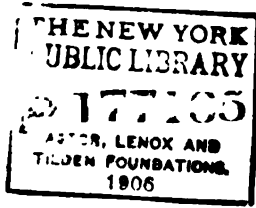
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Birmingham.

23rd February, 1903

AT A MEETING OF THE WATCH COMMITTEE, held on
the 23rd day of February, 1903,
MR. ALDERMAN JARVIS IN THE CHAIR.

ANNUAL POLICE RETURNS.

The Chief Constable submitted Statistical Returns for the
Year ended 31st December, 1902.

Resolved,

“That the Returns be printed, and that a copy be sent to each
City Magistrate and Member of the Council.”

REPORT.

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S OFFICE,

CORPORATION STREET,

23RD FEBRUARY, 1903.

*To the Chairman and Members
of the Watch Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the Criminal Statistics and other Miscellaneous Returns for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

On the 1st April, 1901, the fixed strength of the Force was increased from 700 to 800 men, and on 1st April, 1902, it was further increased to 820. In addition the Force will continue to increase by 20 men every year until a total strength of 920 is reached.

The authorised strength of the Police Force on the 31st December last was 820. There were also 16 additional Constables (who are paid for under the Acts 3 and 4 Vict., cap 88, sec. 19). The actual strength was 821; their nationalities being—709 English, 74 Irish, 29 Welsh, 8 Scotch, and 1 German; their average height being 5 feet 10½ inches.

During the year 14 have resigned at their own request, 18 on report, 1 called upon to resign, 10 were superannuated, 2 resigned on gratuity, and 2 died.

One hundred and three men joined the Force during the year.

Of the 821 effective men, 277 are under five years' service; between five and ten years, 178; between ten and fifteen years, 158; between fifteen and twenty years, 108; between twenty and twenty-five years, 78; and 27 twenty-five years and upwards.

There were 162 members on the Superannuation list on 31st December last, viz., 6 Superintendents, 10 Inspectors, 29 Sergeants, and 117 Constables. In addition to these there are the two children of the late P.C. Snipe, who met with his death in the execution of his duty.

DETECTIVE DEPARTMENT. — This Department consists of 1 Superintendent, 6 Inspectors, 13 Sergeants (including 1 Clerk), and 23 Constables (including 3 Clerks). In addition several Constables in plain clothes, in conjunction with Detectives, have been employed at Divisions.

The value of property reported to the Police as having been stolen or fraudulently obtained within the City during the year was £5,545 12s. 6d., of which goods, &c., to the value of £2,205 9s. 11d. were recovered, or 39 per cent of the whole.

The number of Enquiries, Notices, Informations, etc., received from other towns, and requiring attention by the Detective Department, during the year was 7,376.

On referring to Government Table "G" it will be seen that the number of Convicts on License and persons subject to Police Supervision who lived in Birmingham during 1902 is 284. This number includes criminals who have been convicted for almost every class of serious crime. The Detectives have been instrumental in obtaining employment for several of these men, and in many instances those who have been found work have reformed.

**Comparative Return of Chief Offences—Return A—for the
Years 1901 and 1902.**

1901.			1902.				REMARKS.
OFFENCE.	Total Offences.	Persons Apprehended.	Total Offences.	Persons Apprehended.	Increase of Offences.	Decrease of Offences.	
Murder, Adults...	4	8	—	—	—	4	
Murder, Infants ...	2	2	—	—	—	2	
Attempts to Murder ...	—	—	6	7	6	—	
Manslaughter ...	9	10	6	6	—	3	
Wounding (Misdemeanour) ...	22	23	39	46	17	—	
Offences against "Criminal Law Amendment Act" ...	4	4	5	5	1	—	
Burglary and Housebreaking...	89	28	88	53	—	1	
Warehouse Breaking ...	127	64	136	87	9	—	
Forgery and uttering (Felony)	9	9	6	6	—	3	
Robbery, with violence ...	1	2	5	12	4	—	
Larceny from the Person ...	102	62	115	74	13	—	
Larceny by Servants ...	87	59	111	74	24	—	
Larceny, Simple ...	1192	863	1125	950	—	67	
Embezzlement ...	53	43	39	27	—	14	
Receiving ...	12	20	22	18	10	—	
Obtaining Goods, &c., by False Pretences ...	37	28	50	42	13	—	
Uttering or possessing Counter- feit Coin ...	5	7	2	3	—	3	
Attempted Suicides ...	89	89	76	76	—	13	

MANSLAUGHTER.—Ellen Wright, age 30, was charged with causing, on the 24th November, the death of her child, age five months. The medical evidence given pointed out that death was due to pneumonia, accelerated by neglect. Wright was reprimanded by the Magistrates and discharged.

Isaac Thomas Mander, age 39, was charged with causing the death of George Wooldridge. On February 4th Mander and Wooldridge fell out with each other and commenced to fight. The deceased, who was drunk, received a blow which knocked him down, and his head coming in contact with the pavement caused his death. Mander was discharged before the Magistrates in consequence of insufficient evidence.

Jesse Wragg, age 21, a carter, was charged with causing the death of a boy named Williams on the 25th August, by knocking him down and driving over him with a horse and wagon. The evidence called proved that it was a pure accident, and Wragg was discharged.

Robert Gill, age 32, of Lord Street, was charged with causing the death of his wife. From the evidence it appears that on the 14th December Gill went home drunk and had words with his wife. The neighbours heard screams and cries of murder by Mrs. Gill. She afterwards ran into a neighbour's house, where she fell down, dying shortly afterwards from hæmorrhage. Gill was committed to the ensuing Assizes. This case is still pending.

Henry Smith, age 49, plumber, of Vincent Street, Balsall Heath, was charged with causing the death of his son Henry George, age 24, on the 3rd June last, by striking him on the head with a jug. He was committed to the Assizes, where he was sentenced to six months.

ATTEMPTED MURDER.—Luigi Divito, an Italian, age 24, organ grinder, of Bartholomew Street, was charged with shooting at Ardivico Seracini, another Italian, on the 19th January last, with intent to kill him. Divito before the Magistrates pleaded not guilty, and was committed to the Assizes, where he was discharged.

David Cherry, age 29, and Frank Cherry, age 19, were charged with attempting to murder Police Constable Blinko. On the afternoon of the 20th January last Blinko was walking along Longmore Street on duty when he was struck from behind with a chopper by David Cherry, who, with his brother Frank, had crept up without being noticed by Blinko. The officer fell to the ground, and was again struck several times by David Cherry, who afterwards ran away in company with his brother. Blinko was conveyed in an unconscious state to the Queen's Hospital, where he lay in a critical condition for some time. Prisoners were committed to the Assizes, where they were each sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Frank Davenport, age 47, a traveller, residing in Bristol Road, was charged with shooting at his wife with intent to kill her. On the morning of 28th August last Davenport drew out a revolver and shot at his wife several times, many of the bullets striking her. She was at once removed to the Queen's Hospital, where she remained for some time in a critical condition. Davenport was committed to the Assizes, where he was sentenced to one month.

Samuel Parry, age 37, a caster, of 18, Great Tindal Street, was charged with shooting at his wife with intent to murder her. On the 2nd September Parry shot at his wife with a revolver, the bullet striking her on the heel of her boot, causing no injury. Parry was arrested and committed by the Magistrates to the Assizes, where he was discharged.

William Smith, age 19, a labourer, of Dugdale Street, was charged with shooting at Thomas Beastell with intent to murder him. On the morning of the 24th September last Smith fired a revolver at Beastell, but the bullet missed him. He was committed by the Magistrates to the Assizes, where he was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

John Rawlings, age 48, a labourer, was charged with attempting to murder his wife. On the 23rd November last Rawlings attempted to cut his wife's throat with a razor. His daughter, having followed, stopped him from carrying out his intentions, whereupon

he cut his own throat, causing his detention for a few days in the Hospital. He was afterwards brought before the Magistrates, and committed to the ensuing Assizes. This case is still pending.

INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—The number of these for 1902 is 1,869, against 1,875 in 1901. Of the more serious offences—attempts to murder and manslaughter—a brief account has already appeared in the preceding pages. In the apprehensions for burglary and house-breaking there is an increase of 25, and an increase of 1 for the same number of offences as compared with 1901.

SIMPLE LARCENY.—There is a decrease under this heading of 67, the figures for 1902 being 1,125, as against 1,192 in 1901.

RECEIVING.—There is an increase of 10 offences for this crime, the number for 1902 being 22, as against 12 for last year.

COINING AND UTTERING BASE COIN.—For the past year 2 offences and 3 apprehensions are recorded. The 3 persons proceeded against were charged with uttering.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—There is a decrease of 13 offences and 13 apprehensions under this heading, the figures for 1902 being 76 offences and 76 apprehensions, as against 89 offences and 89 apprehensions during the year 1901. The 76 persons charged consisted of 89 males and 87 females, and in the preceding year 50 males and 89 females.

As will be seen, the total number of Indictable Offences during the year was 1,869, the number of persons proceeded against for these offences being 1,553. The 1,869 crimes were made up as follows:—

GOVERNMENT TABLES.

Offences against the Person (these include Murder, Manslaughter, Wounding) and Offences against the Criminal Law Amendment Act	65
Offences against Property with Violence, viz., Burglary, Housebreaking, Shopbreaking, Assaults and Robbery, &c.	243
Offences against Property without Violence, viz., Simple Larceny, Larceny (Person), Larceny (Servant), Embezzlement, &c....	1,473
Malicious Injury to Property	2
Forgery and Offences against the Currency, viz., Forgery, Uttering, Coining, &c. ...	8
Other Offences, viz., Attempted Suicide, &c. ...	78
Total	<hr/> 1,869 <hr/>

The following is a comparative return, for the years 1901 and 1902, of the principal cases dealt with summarily by the Justices :—

Comparative Return of Chief Offences. Persons proceeded against Summarily, Tables B and C, for the years 1901 and 1902.

1901.		1902.		
NATURE OF OFFENCE.	Number of persons proceeded against.	Number of persons proceeded against.	Increase.	Decrease.
Aggravated Assaults	51	75	24	—
Assaults on Police	507	416	—	91
Assaults (common)	1293	1157	—	136
Drunkenness	3344	2880	—	464
Wilful Damage	202	166	—	36
Elementary Education Act (not sending Children to School)...	2868	2202	—	666
OTHER OFFENCES.				
Vagrancy Act: Begging	147	145	—	2
Sleeping out	366	300	—	66
Gaming	1015	765	—	250
Found on enclosed premises	40	40	—	—
Keeping Brothels (Criminal Law Amendment Act)	32	19	—	13
Prostitution	429	384	—	45
Town Police Clauses Act	3366	3500	134	—
Borough Bye-Laws				
Local Acts & Bye-Laws				
Highway Acts, viz. :	Offences against			
Bicycles	1873	1582	—	291
Offences by Owners & Drivers of Carts				
Obstructions and Nuisances...				
Army and Navy Act	234	264	30	—
Hackney Carriages, Offences against	145	127	—	18

The total number of non-indictable offences tried summarily is 15,356, being a decrease of 1,877 on the year 1901. The decrease is general, with few exceptions, and the headings under which the greater decrease occurs are as follows:—Vagrancy Act, 318; Highway Acts, 291; Elementary Education Act, 666; Drunkenness, 464; and Common Assaults, 136.

The particulars of the Offences tried summarily were made up as follows:—

Assaults	...	...	...	...	1,648
Frequenting	...	...	...	...	88
Brothel Keeping	...	...	...	...	19
Cruelty to Animals	...	...	...	...	238
Prostitution	...	...	...	...	384
Malicious Damage to Property...	...	...	...	...	166
Highway Acts, Offences against, viz.:—Bicycles, Owners and Drivers of Carts, Obstructions and Nuisances	...	...	...	...	1,590
Elementary Education Acts	...	...	...	...	2,202
Local Acts and Bye-laws	...	...	...	...	3,500
Vagrancy Act, Offences against, viz.:—Begging, Sleeping out, Gaming, &c.	...	...	...	...	1,326
Sanitary Laws	...	...	...	...	79
Stage and Hackney Carriage Regulations	...	...	...	...	127
Drunkenness, Permitting Drunkenness, &c.	...	...	...	...	2,945
Army and Navy Acts	...	...	...	...	264
Other Offences	...	...	...	...	785
Total					15,356

The method of procedure was as follows :—

Arrested without Warrant	6,755
Arrested on Warrant issued in first instance ...	85
Arrested on Warrant issued on failure to appear to Summons	47
Proceeded against by Summons	8,469
Total	15,356

The following was the result of proceedings :—

Convicted	12,392
Charge withdrawn (no prosecution)	1,027
Charge dismissed (no evidence)	686
Discharged under Summary Jurisdiction Act, Section 16 (i.)	991
Delivered to Naval and Military Authorities, &c. ...	249
Committed to Industrial School for not attending School, &c.	11
	15,356

LICENSING ACTS.

The following Table, which was presented at the last General Annual Licensing Sessions, shows the offences committed by Licensed Victuallers and Beer Sellers, and the Decisions of the Justices, during the past 12 months ending August 31st, 1902 :—

LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

Drunk on own Licensed Premises	1
Suffering Gaming	2
Permitting Drunkenness	9
Prohibited Hours	3
Total	15

DECISIONS.

Fined 60 shillings and costs	...	...	2
Fined 40 shillings and costs	...	...	1
Fined 20 shillings and costs	5
Fined 10 shillings and costs	1
To pay costs	1
Withdrawn	5
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Total	15
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BEER SELLERS.

Refusing to admit Police	1
Permitting Drunkenness	3
Prohibited Hours	4
Drunk in own House	...	...	4
Knowingly harbouring Thieves	2
Selling Drink to Child on Premises under 18 years of age	6
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Total	20
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DECISIONS.

Fined £10 and costs	2
Fined £5 and costs	1
Fined £1 and costs	2
Fined 10 shillings and costs	6
Fined 5 shillings and costs	3
To pay costs	2
Dismissed	4
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Total	20
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STRAY DOGS.—During the year, 1,170 dogs were removed from the streets, 19 of which were restored to their owners, and 1,151 sent to the Dogs' Homes, New Canal Street and Icknield Port Road.

PUBLIC CARRIAGE DEPARTMENT.—This Department consists of one Inspector, one Sergeant, and six Constables who are employed principally in the supervision of public vehicles and the men licensed to act as drivers or conductors of the same.

At present there are 954 vehicles licensed to ply for hire in the City, viz.: 512 Hackney Carriages, 230 Stage Carriages, and 212 Tram Cars. Of these, 47 are new vehicles, viz.: 24 Hackney Carriages, 19 Stage Carriages, and 4 Tram Cars, which have been placed on the streets for public hire during the year.

As compared with 1901 this is a decrease of 189 (140 Hackney Carriages and 49 Stage Carriages). This decrease is due mainly to the new system of inspection, under which the repairs required to a vehicle are specified by the expert to the proprietor one month prior to the expiration of the license. In 66 cases (47 Hackney Carriages and 19 Stage Carriages) the proprietors declined to incur the expense of carrying out the repairs ordered, and returned the plates of the vehicles. Thirty-six Hackney Carriages and 12 Stage Carriages (total 48) were rejected as being unfit for further public service. During the year, owing to bad trade, several of the larger proprietors have disposed, either wholly or partially, of their businesses, and, as a result, no less than 75 vehicles (57 Hackney Carriages and 18 Stage Carriages) have been sold to persons residing outside the City, who have not applied for the renewal of the licenses.

There are still too many Hackney Carriages licensed, and a further reduction would be beneficial to the proprietors and the public. The facilities for cheap transit afforded by trams and omnibuses, the use of cycles, and the means of communication by telephone instead of by messenger, appear to be causing the Hackney Cab to slowly disappear. Two thousand five hundred and seventy men are licensed to act as Drivers and Conductors of public vehicles. This number is made up as follows:—

Hackney Carriage Drivers...	...	...	744
Stage Carriage Drivers	456
Stage Carriage Conductors	427
Tram Drivers...	898
Tram Conductors	550
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Total	2,570
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During the year 442 additional men have been licensed, viz. : 43 Hackney Carriage Drivers, 47 Stage Carriage Drivers, 82 Stage Carriage Conductors, 46 Tram Drivers, and 224 Tram Conductors. Seven hundred and seven men have returned their badges, having ceased to act as Conductors or Drivers of public vehicles. Comparing these figures with 1901, there is a decrease of 265 men licensed from this department. This is no doubt due to the new regulation that licenses should be renewed annually. Prior to January, 1901, one who was once licensed remained so until his badge was revoked, consequently a large number of men appeared on the registers as licensed Drivers or Conductors who had ceased to exercise their calling as such. Under the new system each Driver and Conductor has to renew his license in January of each year, at the cost of one shilling, and anyone failing to do so is treated as having ceased to hold a license and his name is struck off the register. The fees charged for the renewal of the licenses amount to about £180, or a gain of about £80 per annum, as compared with the old system.

LOST PROPERTY.—There is again a great increase in the number of articles dealt with by this branch of the Public Carriage Department. No less than 4,676 articles have been found in public carriages during the year, and deposited at the Lost Property Office, Coleridge Passage, by drivers and conductors. The following is a description of the articles dealt with :—

Umbrellas	...	...	...	...	...	1,689
Sticks	...	...	...	...	...	106
Purses	...	...	...	...	...	436
Loose Money (in lots)	...	...	...	...	...	22
Cheques	..	...	...	...	...	7
Bank Notes	...	...	...	...	...	1
Parcels	...	...	...	...	...	372
Bags and Portmanteaus	...	...	...	...	...	358
Gloves (pairs)	...	...	...	...	...	300
Gloves (odd)	...	...	...	...	...	24
Articles of Wearing Apparel	...	...	...	...	...	367
Boots (pairs) ...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Boots (odd) ...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Books ...	...	...	...	...	...	300
Pipes and Tobacco Pouches	...	...	...	...	...	62
Spectacles	...	...	...	...	...	56
Opera Glasses	...	...	...	...	...	10
Watches	...	...	...	...	...	12
Articles of Jewellery	...	...	...	...	...	124
Tools	...	...	...	...	...	48
Pictures	...	...	...	...	...	24
Musical Instruments	...	...	...	...	...	5
Photo. Materials	...	...	...	...	...	7
Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	298
Total	...	...	...	...	...	<u>4,676</u>

The sundries include a coffee mill, sets of false teeth, bottles of liquors, game, a live fowl, and a case of patent medicine.

The 436 purses contained coin, &c., to the value of £141 6s. 9½d.; the loose money was worth £11 15s. 1d.; the cheques £39 18s. 0d.; and the bank note £5.

The estimated value of the property dealt with during the year is £677 17s. 1½d., which speaks well for the general honesty of drivers and conductors.

The 4,676 articles were disposed of as follows :—

Restored to owners	1,998
Given up to finder	1,680
Waiting claimants	1,008
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Total	4,676
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In the 1,998 cases where the property was restored to the owners, rewards varying from one pound to sixpence were given to the finders.

THE EDUCATION CLASSES.—During the year 110 recruits have been through a course of police instruction.

The chief object in view has been to give each man a clear and intelligent knowledge of his duty and powers, and the proper and legal method of carrying them out. They are also instructed carefully as to the manner in which they should bring their cases before the Justices. This has been done by means of instructions in the form of dictation, supplemented by a series of lectures. Before receiving their certificates of proficiency the men undergo examinations. From the fact of several of these young Constables having already been promoted to the Merit Class, and others complimented and rewarded by the Justices and gentlemen of the Watch Committee, these classes cannot but tend towards the maintenance of the efficiency of the service.

104 men attended evening classes in literary subjects at Cromwell Street, Nelson Street, and Upper Highgate Street Board Schools during the year, an average attendance of 90 per cent. was recorded.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.—There are at present in the Force 728 members who have passed the first examination, and out of this number 354 have passed the second, and 280 the third ; and 8 have secured Nursing Certificates. Of the 92 members of the Force who have not yet passed the examination, 70 are recruits who have joined since the last classes were formed ; the remainder are old officers.

The amount of work done by the members of the Association in the Force during the year has proved very satisfactory, as 919 cases have been recorded in which first aid has been rendered.

In several cases members have been complimented by doctors and others, and awards made by the Watch Committee for the promptness and skill of various members.

Several notable cases have occurred, of which the following are illustrations, viz. :—

1.—On February 23rd a man named Albert Edward Thomas was found in an unconscious condition and apparently dying in a bedroom in a coffee house, High Street, caused by inhaling gas, which was escaping from a defective pipe. P.C. A 92, Walter Cox, was called, and at once used artificial respiration, and after working twenty minutes the man regained consciousness.

P.C. Cox was afterwards presented with the Royal Humane Society's Certificate for saving life, and was also granted the first Stripe of Merit by the Watch Committee.

2.—On the 25th June a boy named George Brooks, age 9 years, of 3 Court 1 House, Bartholomew Street, was badly scalded when in Edgbaston Street. P.C.'s A 58, Harry Knowles, and 122, John Barker, rendered "First Aid" by applying oil, flour, and bandages, afterwards conveying him to the General Hospital, where he was detained, and the Constables were highly complimented by the House Surgeon for the able manner in which they had dressed the boy's injuries.

The cases treated during the year have been :—

Wounds	651
Fractures	86
Fits (various)	106
Burns and Scalds	27
Sprains	6
Taking Poison, Attempted Suicide	19
Dog Bites... ..	4
Apparently Drowned	2
Suffocation by Gas	5
Exhaustion	1
Injuries not classified	12
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	919
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In October a Horse Ambulance was purchased by the Watch Committee, to be used in cases of accidents or serious illness ; since which time frequent applications are made for its use.

The Ambulance has been used on 48 occasions, viz. :—19 for accidents, and 29 for removal in cases of serious illness, &c.

It will be observed that there have been during the year 541 Inquests, and the following show the finding of the Juries :—

Murder	3
Manslaughter	3
Suicide whilst insane (Males 29)	} 44
„ „ „ (Females 15)	
Accidents	301
Natural causes	152
Other causes	38
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Total	541
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The 301 cases of accidental death include 64 cases of children suffocated while in bed with their parents or others.

The Royal Victoria Homes at Brentry, near Bristol, for habitual inebriates, were opened in 1899, and since then nine females have been sent from this City and admitted. Each of these has been committed for three years. The Justices periodically visit the Homes, and have expressed themselves thoroughly satisfied with the arrangements.

LOST CHILDREN.—During the year 1,898 lost children were found by the Police, and 1,884 were restored to their parents or friends, and 14 were sent to the Workhouse.

During the past year the number of premises found insecure by the Police was 5,051. Such carelessness tends to greatly increase the number of cases involving dishonesty.

Captain the Hon. C. G. Legge, His Majesty's Inspector of Constabularies for the Midland Counties, inspected the Force on the 8th and 9th April last, and expressed himself satisfied with its efficiency.

The question of improved Police Station accommodation has received my careful consideration for some time past. At present sites for new Police Stations have been obtained at Bloomsbury Street and Bordesley Green. Offers which have been received of sites for new Police Stations in Dudley Road and in the centre of the City are now under consideration.

The administration of the Police Force at the present time is much hampered, and its efficiency considerably impaired, by the want of suitable Police buildings.

The old Public Offices, Moor Street, are clearly quite unsuited for Police purposes, and the Committee are desirous of disposing of these premises. This renders the necessity for further accommodation more urgent.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES HAUGHTON RAFTER,

Chief Constable.

INDICTABLE AND NON-INDICTABLE TABLES,
A to H.

SYNOPSIS OF GOVERNMENT TABLES,
CRIMINAL AND OTHERWISE.

Indictable Offences, Crimes Committed, Apprehensions and Proceedings	TABLE A.
Non-Indictable Offences, Apprehensions and Proceedings	B.
Cases tried Summarily. Proceedings and Results	C.
Cases tried Summarily. Age and sex of the Offenders	D.
Quasi-criminal Proceedings	E.
Monthly Returns of Indictable Offences and Apprehensions	F.
Persons under Police Supervision	G.
Suspected Persons at large, and houses of bad character	H.

RETURN A.—INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—CRIMES

OFFENCE.	Number of Crimes Committed.	Persons Apprehended.					
		Total Number.			Apprehended.		
		Total.	M.	F.	Without Warrant.	On Warrant issued in First Instance.	On Warrant issued on Failure to appear to Summons.
Attempt to Murder	6	7	7	...	7	...	...
Manslaughter	6	6	5	1	6	...	...
Endangering Railway Passengers	3						
Malicious wounding and other like offences (Misdemeanors)	39	46	46	...	41	5	...
Abandoning Children under two years	1	1	...	1	1	...	...
Procuring Abortion	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Concealment of Birth	1	1	...	1	1	...	...
Unnatural Offences	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Rape	2	7	7	...	6	1	...
Indecent Assaults on Females	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Defilement of Girls under 13	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
Defilement of Girls under 16	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
Burglary	16	12	12	...	12	...	...
Housebreaking.. .. .	72	41	39	2	41	...	...
Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, &c.	136	87	81	6	87	...	...
Attempts to break into Houses, Shops, Warehouses, &c.	13	4	4	...	4	...	...
Possession of Housebreaking Tools, &c.	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob	5	12	12	...	12	...	...
Larceny of Horses, Cattle, and Sheep	3	9	9	...	9	...	...
Larceny from the Person	115	74	46	28	74	...	...
Larceny by a Servant	111	74	67	7	71	3	...
Embezzlement	39	27	25	2	11	14	2
Simple larceny and minor larcenies	1125	950	798	152	946	2	2
Obtaining Goods, &c., by false pretences	50	42	30	12	31	11	...
Frauds by Agents, Trustees, Directors, &c.	2	2	2	...	1	1	...
Other Frauds	6	6	2	4	...	5	1
Receiving Stolen Goods	22	18	12	6	18	...	...
Other Malicious Injuries	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
Forgery and uttering (Felony)	6	6	6	...	2	4	...
Uttering or possessing Counterfeit Coin	2	3	3	...	3	...	...
Indecent Exposure (public indecency)	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
Suicide (attempting to commit)	76	76	39	37	76	...	...
	1869	1523	1264	259	1470	48	5

NOTE.—The number of Larcenies, &c., committed, as stated above, is inclusive of 800 cases where the

COMMITTED.—APPREHENSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Disposal of Persons Apprehended.							Disposal of Persons appearing to Summons.											
On withdrawal of Prosecution.	Discharged.	Tried Summarily and		Com-mitted for Trial and		Bailed to come up for further Examination when required.	Persons (not apprehended) appearing to Summons.			On withdrawal of Prosecution.	Discharged.	On the Evidence.	Tried Summarily and		Com-mitted for Trial and		Bailed to come up for further Examination when required.	Persons whose cases were pending at the end of the year.
		Discharged (Acquitted).	Convicted.	Sent to Prison.	Released on Bail.		Total	M.	F.				Discharged (Acquitted).	Convicted.	Sent to Prison.	Released on Bail.		
...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	4	...	...	1	1	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...
4	12	...	...	27	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	9	...	...	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	22	...	...	60	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	8	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	6	22	30	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	18	53	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	3	21	2	1	...	7	7	...	...	...	3	4	...	...	...	...	...
5	8	332	515	89	1	...	14	14	...	...	...	10	4	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	15	16	8	3	...	4	4	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	5	8	5	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
75	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
57	77	395	643	305	16	...	30	29	1	...	...	17	13	...	...	...	...	...

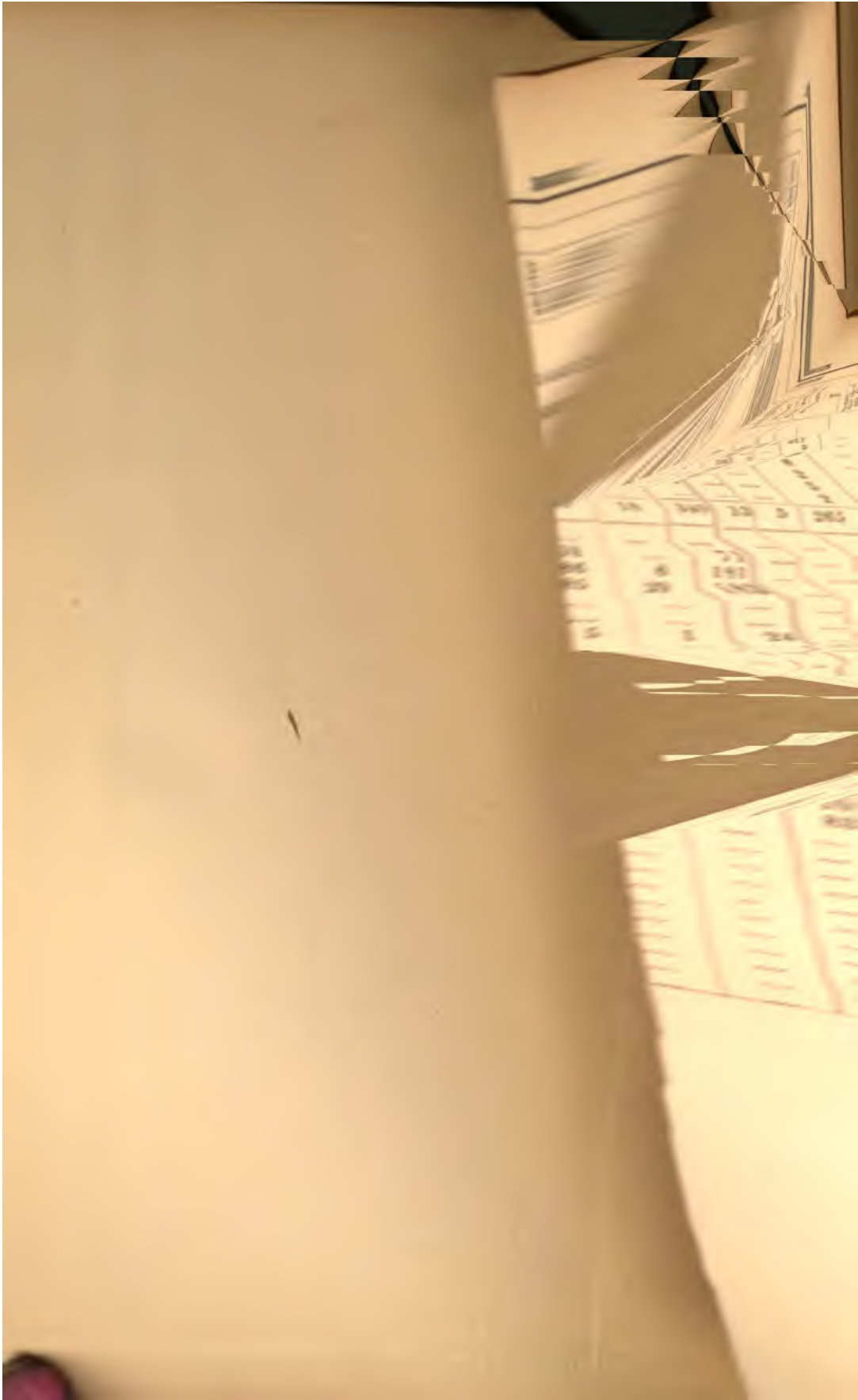
property stolen was of less value than 5s., and no person was apprehended or proceeded against

RETURN B.—NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—

OFFENCES.	Persons Apprehended.					
	Total Number.			Apprehended.		
	M.	F.	Total.	Without Warrant.	On Warrant issued in First Instance.	On Warrant issued on Failure to Appear in Subsequent
Adulteration of Food and Drugs	...	...	...	...	...	...
Aggravated Assaults	54	1	55	49	6	...
Assaults on Constables	314	64	378	375	2	1
Common Assaults	474	72	546	494	26	26
Brothel Keeping	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cruelty to Animals	2	...	2	2	...	...
Cruelty to or Neglect of Children	6	4	10	2	5	3
Diseases of Animals Acts, Offences in relation to	...	...	...	...	...	...
Elementary Education Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Explosives, Offences in relation to	...	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Acts, Offences by Owners and Drivers of Carts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Acts, Obstructions and Nuisances	83	...	83	77	...	6
Highway Acts, Locomotives	...	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Acts, Bicycles	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent Advertisements	8	...	8	8	...	...
Indecent Exposure	13	...	13	13	...	...
Drunkenness	2082	614	2696	2691	...	5
Permitting Drunkenness on Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences against Public Order	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unlicensed Sale of Drink	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sale of Drink to Children	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against Closing Regulations	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labour Laws, Offences against Intimidation	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labour Laws, Offences against Breach of Contracts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labour Laws, Offences against Factory Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labour Laws, Offences against Shop Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious Damage to Animals	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious Damage to Trees, Shrubs, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious Damage, Other Offences	93	24	117	115	...	2
Army Act, Offences against	243	...	243	243	...	...
Navy Act, Offences against	21	...	21	21	...	...
Offences by Pawnbrokers	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unlawful Pledging	12	10	22	20	2	...
Town Police Clauses Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Borough Bye-laws, Offences against	839	169	1058	1054	...	4
Local Acts and Bye-laws, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Poor Law, Neglecting to Maintain Family, &c.	43	1	44	...	44	...
Poor Law, Misbehaviour by Paupers	5	4	9	9	...	...
Poor Law, Stealing or Destroying Workhouse Clothes	1	...	1	1	...	...
Prevention of Crimes Acts, Offences by Licence Holders	1	...	1	1	...	...
Prevention of Crimes Acts, Offences by Supervisees	16	...	16	16	...	...
Special Offences by Twice-convicted Persons	1	...	1	1	...	...
Prostitution	...	384	384	384	...	...
Railways, Offences in relation to	104	3	107	107	...	...
Revenue Laws, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Law, Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Law, Infectious Diseases Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Law, Local Acts and Bye-Laws	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stage and Hackney Carriage Regulations, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stealing Growing Fruit, Plants, Vegetables, &c.	16	...	16	16	...	...
Tramways Act, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vaccination Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vagrancy Acts, Begging	123	22	145	145	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Sleeping Out	243	57	300	300	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Gaming, &c.	412	...	412	412	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Found in Enclosed Premises	40	...	40	40	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Frequenting	81	2	83	83	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Other Offences	60	16	76	76	...	...
Weights and Measures Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Infringement of Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...	...
Applying False Trade Descriptions	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other	...	...	...	...	...	...
Infringement of Friendly Societies Act, 1896	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences,	...	...	...	...	...	...
Infringement of Merchandise Marks Act	...	...	...	...	...	...
Selling Bread otherwise than by Weight	...	...	...	...	...	...
viz. :—	...	...	...	...	...	...
Infringement of Companies Act, 1862 to 1903	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bread Seller not carrying scales in cart when delivering Bread Bread Act, 1836	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	6887	5440	1447	6755	85	47

APPREHENSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Disposal of Persons Apprehended.			Persons dealt with on Summons. (Either on Appearance to Summons or in Absence.)			Cases adjudicated on in Absence of Defendant.			Persons whose cases were pending at the end of the year.
Discharged.	Convicted.	Otherwise Disposed of.	Number.			Disposal.			
			Males.	Females.	Total.	Discharged.	Convicted.	Otherwise Disposed of.	
...	...	...	71	17	88	13	75	...	...
2	53	...	19	1	20	...	20	...	...
16	362	...	32	6	38	8	30	...	...
137	409	...	426	185	611	289	322	...	...
...	...	...	16	3	19	3	16	...	...
1	1	...	228	8	236	61	175	...	...
2	8	...	35	20	55	25	30	...	...
...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...
...	...	...	1855	347	2202	469	1722	11	292
...	...	...	8	...	8	...	8	...	...
...	...	...	200	...	200	14	186	...	1
13	70	...	1248	28	1276	163	1113	...	7
...	...	...	8	...	8	...	8	...	...
...	...	...	23	...	23	4	19	...	...
1	7	...	6	...	6	1	5	...	...
...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
288	2408	...	140	44	184	16	168	...	...
...	...	...	5	1	6	3	3	...	...
...	...	...	24	2	26	11	15	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...
...	...	...	7	6	13	8	5	...	...
...	...	...	17	2	19	9	10	...	...
...	...	...	3	...	3	3	...	...	...
...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...
...	...	...	41	1	42	1	41	...	...
...	...	...	13	1	14	...	14	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...
23	94	...	40	9	49	16	33	...	...
14	...	229	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	3	...	3	1	2	...	...
4	18	...	2	...	2	1	1	...	...
...	...	...	1319	165	1484	119	1365	...	23
102	956	...	777	90	867	198	669	...	6
...	...	...	53	38	91	15	76	...	1
6	38	...	4	4	...	2	2	...	...
...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
76	308	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	89	...	60	1	61	22	39	...	...
...	...	...	122	15	137	11	126	...	...
...	...	...	22	1	23	1	22	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...
...	...	...	55	...	55	3	52	...	...
...	...	...	127	...	127	19	108	...	...
4	12	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...
...	...	...	45	...	45	11	34	...	...
...	...	...	8	...	8	1	7	...	...
62	83	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
179	121	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
79	333	...	353	...	353	96	257	...	4
8	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
28	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	18	5	23	3	20	...	...
...	...	...	8	...	8	...	8	...	...
...	...	...	1	3	4	2	2	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...
...	...	...	3	...	3	...	3	...	...
...	...	...	12	...	12	1	11	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...
...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...
1079	5559	249	7467	1012	8469	1625	6833	11	334

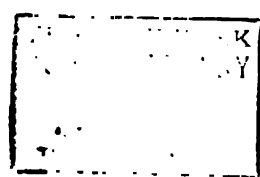


(A.) Indictable Offences
 Simple Larceny from the Person 0
 Larceny by a Servant 0
 Embezzlement 0
 Obtaining Goods, &c. 7
 Receiving Stolen Goods 5
 Endangering Railway 1
(B.) Other Offences
 Adulteration of Food 6
 Assaults, Aggravated 15
 Ditto, on Constables 5
 Ditto, Common 5
 Brothel Keeping 10
 Cruelty to Animals 10
 Cruelty to Children 8
 Diseases of Animals 5
 Elementary Education 5
 Explosives, Offences 5
 Offences by Owners 5
 Obstructions 5
 Locomotives 5
 Bicycles (ditto) 5
 Indecent Exposure 5
 Indecent Exposure 5
 Drunkenness 5
 Permitting Drunkenness 5
 Other Offences 3
 Illegal Sale of Drunkenness 3
 Sale of Drunkenness 1
 Offences against 1
 Intimidation 1
 Breach of Contract 1
 Factory Acts 1
 Shop Hours 1

OF RESULTS

SENTENCES.

14 days	14 days and under	TOTAL	Ref. School.	Whipping.	Fine.	Recognizances with or without sureties.			Cases in which a Second Punishment is added.	
						Probation or Fine only.	Summary Judgment.	Special Pleas.	Whipping.	Recapitulation.
17	255	12	5	217	...	...	30	...	...	...
1	26	1	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...
...	24	...	...	28	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	16	...	...	8	...	...	1	...	...	...
...	15	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...
...	4	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	340	13	5	265	...	...	33	...	...	...
...	71	...	...	75	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	181	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	183	...	...	211	...	...	...	...	5	...
...	...	...	...	463	...	...	85	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	24	...	...	176	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1722	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	186	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1181	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	4	...	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	10	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...
12	83	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	2493	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	41	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...



RETURN D.—CASES TRIED SUMMARILY.—

(a)—Indictable Offences tried Summarily.

OFFENCES.	Total Con- victed.	Sex of Persons Convicted.	
		Males.	Fe- males.
A.—Indictable Offences tried Summarily.			
Simple Larceny & Offences punishable as Simple Larceny	519	427	92
Larceny from the Person	30	20	10
Larceny by a Servant	53	50	3
Embezzlement	25	24	1
Obtaining Goods, &c., by False Pretences	18	15	3
Receiving Stolen Goods	9	5	4
Endangering Railway Passengers	2	2	...
TOTAL	656	543	113
B.—Other Offences tried Summarily.			
Assaults—Aggravated	53	52	1
Assaults—On Constable	362	306	56
Assaults—Common	409	359	50
Cruelty to Animals	1	1	...
Cruelty to or Neglect of Children	8	5	3
Obstructions and Nuisances	70	70	...
Indecent Advertisements	7	7	...
Indecent Exposure	13	12	1
Drunkenness	2408	1939	469
Malicious Damage—Other Offences	94	77	17
Unlawful Pledging	18	9	9
Borough Bye-Laws, Offences against	956	832	124
Neglecting to Maintain Family, &c.	38	37	1
Misbehaviour by Paupers	9	5	4
Stealing or Destroying Workhouse Clothes	1	1	...
Offences by License Holders	1	1	...
Offences by Supervisees	16	16	...
Special Offences by twice convicted persons	1	1	...
Prostitution (Prostitutes soliciting, behaving in a riotous and indecent manner, &c.)	308	...	308
Railways, Offences in relation to	89	87	2
Stealing Growing Fruit, Plants, Vegetables &c.	12	12	...
Vagrancy Act—Begging	83	68	15
Vagrancy Act—Sleeping out	121	101	20
Vagrancy Act—Gaming, &c.	333	333	...
Vagrancy Act—Found in Inclosed Premises	32	32	...
Vagrancy Act—Frequenting	55	53	2
Vagrancy Act—Other Offences	61	50	11
TOTAL	5559	4466	1093

AGE AND SEX OF OFFENDERS.

(b)—Non-Indictable Offences.

AGE OF PERSONS CONVICTED.															
Under 12 years.		12 to 16.		16 to 21.		21 to 30.		30 to 40.		40 to 50.		50 to 60.		Above 60.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
...	...	45	5	168	29	94	23	58	16	48	15	12	2	2	2
...	7	3	6	4	5	3	2	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	1	...	13	1	18	2	11	...	7	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	1	5	...	12	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	2	3	1	4	...	3	...	4	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	3	1	1	3	...	...	...	...
...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...
...	...	48	5	192	36	126	30	93	20	66	18	16	2	2	2
...
...	...	2	...	14	...	17	1	18	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	1	...	77	11	125	21	68	17	27	6	5	1	3	...
...	66	7	150	16	68	14	57	10	14	3	4	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	2	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	12	...	47	...	6	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
...	1	...	4	...	3	...	2	1	1	...	1	...
...	132	22	990	180	450	161	237	74	82	18	48	14
...	...	3	...	7	...	25	6	22	10	12	1	6	...	2	...
...	1	1	2	1	4	3	1	1	...	3	1	...
...	...	12	...	118	29	368	59	198	30	86	5	39	1	11	...
...	6	...	17	1	12	...	2	...	...	...
...	1	...	2	1	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	9	...	...	...	4	...	2	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...
...	...	16	...	35	2	13	...	8	...	12	...	2	...	1	...
...	...	7	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	3	...	5	13	2	18	1	16	...	11	4	10	...
...	...	10	3	44	3	19	3	17	6	5	2	4	1	2	2
...	...	131	...	183	...	14	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	12	...	12	...	3	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
...	11	2	17	...	10	...	11	...	2	...	2	...
...	2	1	12	5	16	2	9	3	10	...	1	...
...	...	194	6	758	151	1811	442	932	319	504	126	181	33	86	16

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RETURN F.—Number of Crimes (Indictable Offences) Committed, and of Apprehensions in each Month of the Year.

OFFENCE	CRIMES COMMITTED.												APPREHENSIONS.											
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Murder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Attempt to Murder	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...
Manslaughter	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Endangering Railway Passengers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious wounding and other like offences (Misdemeanors)	3	5	5	4	6	5	1	3	2	3	1	1	...	4	7	6	3	8	1	4	2	4	...	...
Abandoning Children under two years	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Procuring Abortion	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Concealment of Birth	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unnatural Offences	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...
Rape	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent Assaults on Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Defilement of Girls under Thirteen	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Defilement of Girls under Sixteen	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burglary	1	...	2	1	1	1	1	2	3	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	2	3	...	...	...
Housebreaking	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, &c.	2	18	9	4	7	5	3	9	5	5	10	5	...	1	7	5	...	3	3	7	1	6	5	3
Attempts to Break into Houses, Shops, Warehouses, &c.	9	13	15	7	7	9	5	14	18	13	12	14	...	4	12	11	6	2	2	1	7	14	9	8
Possession of Housebreaking Tools	2	3	1	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...
Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny of Horses, Cattle, and Sheep	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny from the Person	10	7	8	9	15	9	9	12	14	8	6	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny by a Servant	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Embezzlement	5	3	1	1	5	5	3	...	4	4	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Simple larceny and other equivalent offences	150	74	105	70	95	69	92	78	111	107	101	73	...	139	63	92	51	82	58	73	62	94	91	81
Obtaining Goods, &c., by false pretences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Frauds by Agents, Trustees, Directors, &c.	3	3	9	6	1	5	1	4	6	4	5	3	...	2	3	7	6	1	4	1	4	6	4	2
Other Frauds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Receiving stolen goods	1	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences in connection with Bankruptcy	1	1	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious Injuries to Property (Arson)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Malicious Injuries	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forgery and Uttering (Felony)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Uttering or possessing Counterfeit Coin	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent Exposure (public indecency)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Suicide (attempt to commit)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Obtaining and Publishing Indecent Books and Prints	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	207	127	170	126	165	123	144	147	191	170	161	138	...	182	109	138	94	133	95	123	112	157	146	120

RETURN G.—PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.

POLICE DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.				DISPOSAL OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.								CONDUCT OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION. (Exclusive of Persons removed to other Districts.)				
	In District at commencement of year.	Entered district during year.		TOTAL.	Supervision expired.	Supervision remitted by Secretary of State.	Removed to other Districts.	Sent to Prison.	Missing and Gazetted.	Left England.	Died.	Under Supervision in District at end of year.	On Indictment.	Summarily only.	Suspected to be living dishonestly but not convicted during the year.	Known or believed to be living honestly.	
		From Prison.	From other Districts.														
City of Birmingham	...	81	118	35	234	52	4	42	45	9	—	1	81	35	10	34	113

RETURN H.-HABITUAL CRIMINALS AT LARGE, HOUSES OF BAD CHARACTER,
POPULATION OF DISTRICT, AND STRENGTH OF POLICE FORCE.

POLICE DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF HABITUAL CRIMINALS AT LARGE.								NUMBER OF HOUSES OF BAD CHARACTER.				Strength of Police Force.	Population of Police District.						
	TOTAL NUMBER.				Thieva.				Receivers.						Other Habitual Criminals.					
	TOTAL NUMBER.		Thieva.		Receivers.		Other Habitual Criminals.		Houses of Receivers of Stolen Goods.		Houses frequented by Thieves.				Public Houses.		Beer- Houses.		Other Houses.	
	Total.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.			F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.
City of Birmingham	303	239	64	172	46	32	12	35	6	46	19	7	6	14	820	522,182				

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TABLES OF STATISTICS, &c.
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TABLE I.

TABLE showing the strength of the Police Force (exclusive of additional Constables), the Area of the City in Acres, and the average Acreage to each Constable; the Population of the City in 1901, and the average Population to each Constable.

Strength of Police Force (exclusive of 16 additional Constables)	820
Area in Acres	12,705
Acreage to each Constable	15
Population in 1901	522,182
Population to each Constable	636

TABLE II.

RETURN of authorised POLICE FORCE, and allowances as allowed to each Rank and Class on the 31st day of December, 1902.

The authorised strength of each Rank on the 31st Dec., 1902.	RANKS AND CLASSES.			Rates and Pay of each Rank and Class, as allowed on the 31st December, 1902.		Allowance for Boots or Clothing when not provided.	
				Rates of Weekly Pay.	Rates of Yearly Pay.	Allowance for Boots.	Allowance for Plain Clothes, etc.
			Total actual number of each Rank and Class on the 31st Dec., 1902.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
1	Chief Constable		1	.....	800 0 0		
1	Deputy-Chief Constable		1	.....	300 0 0	.....	£12
1	Chief Clerk		1	.....	260 0 0		
1	Detective Superintendent		1	.....	170 0 0		
5	Superintendents {	.....	1	.....	250 0 0	} £2 10s. 6d. Annually.	
		.....	1	.....	230 0 0		
		.....	2	.....	220 0 0		
		.....	1	.....	170 0 0		
	Chief Inspectors		2	.....	150 0 0		
	" Special Class		1	.....	143 0 0		
	" Long Service Class		4	.....	135 4 0		
25	Inspectors {	1st Class	1	.....	130 0 0	} £2 0s. 0d. Annually.	
		2nd "	11	.....	119 12 0		
		3rd "	6	.....	109 4 0		
81	Sergeants {	1st Class	35	2 0 0	.....	} £2 0s. 0d. Annually.	
		2nd "	10	1 18 0	.....	
		3rd "	12	1 16 0	.....	
		4th "	23	1 14 0	.....	
	Constables, 2nd Long Service Class		116	1 12 0	.....	
	" 1st "		135	1 11 0	.....	
705	Constables {	1st Class	80	1 10 0	.....	} 7s. 6d. per Quarter.	
		2nd "	109	1 8 0	.....	
		3rd "	171	1 6 0	.....	
		4th "	30	1 5 0	.....	
		5th "	66	1 4 0	.....	
820	Total Force		821				

N.B. - There is a Progressive Pay, viz.: Superintendents, a 2, and 2 and 3 years' scale; Inspectors, a 3 and 4 years' scale from date of promotion; Sergeants, 3, 3 and 3 years; Constables on appointment receive 24/- per week; after 6 months, 25/- per week; after another 6 months, 26/- per week; after 4 years, 28/- per week; after 7 years, 30/- per week; after 10 years, 31/- per week; after 15 years, 32/- per week. There are also Merit Classes of 1/- and 2/- per week for Sergeants, - 0, 1/-, and 2/- per week for Constables.
In accordance with the terms of the Merit Class 15 Sergeants are receiving 2/- and 13 1/- per week; 10 Constables are receiving 2/- per week; 11 1/- per week; and 55 -/6 per week.

The Chief Clerk is allowed £20 per annum, in lieu of House, Coal, and Gas, and £12 in lieu of uniform; Superintendents are allowed House, Rates, Coal, and Gas free of charge; Inspectors in charge of Sub-Divisions or Stations are allowed the same privilege as Superintendents. Non-resident Inspectors receive 6s. a week for rent allowance. Detective Officers are allowed: Detective Superintendent, House, Coal and Gas free, £12 in lieu of uniform, and 3/- per week for incidental expenses; Inspectors £12, Sergeants and Constables £10 annually in lieu of uniform, with an additional allowance to Inspectors of 3s., and Sergeants and Constables 2s. per week for incidental expenses. Reserve Sergeants receive an additional 2/- per week while engaged in office work, and Constables engaged on Point Duty, regulating Street Traffic, are allowed 1/- per week while so employed.

TABLE III.
RETURN showing how the additional Constables are employed.

By whom appointed.	By whom Paid.	RANKS.				TOTAL.
		Supts.	Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Constables.	
Watch Committee ...	War Department ...	...	...	...	3	3
" ...	Poor Law Guardians ...	..	1	...	..	1
" ...	Markets Committee... ..	...	...	1	7	8
" ...	Birmingham and Warwick Canal Co. ...	...	...	...	1	1
" ...	Health Committee ...	...	2	...	...	2
" ...	Water Department ...	...	...	1	...	1
" ...						
TOTAL ...		...	3	2	11	16

TABLE IV.
RETURN showing the length of Service and certain Ages of the Members of the Actual Strength
of the Police Force for the Year ended 31st December, 1902.

RANKS.	PERIODS OF SERVICE.						AGES.	
	Under 5 years.	5 years and under 10 years.	10 years and under 15 years.	15 years and under 20 years.	20 years and under 25 years.	25 years and upwards.	Under 21 years.	Above 60 years.
Chief Constable	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deputy Chief Constable ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	..	...
Chief Clerk ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Superintendents ... ..	...	...	...	1	1	4	...	...
Inspectors ... ..	...	...	4	9	8	4	...	1
Sergeants ... ..	...	5	23	29	18	5	...	...
Constables	276	173	131	69	46	12	...	...
Total	277	178	158	108	73	27	...	1

TABLE V.

RETURN showing the variations which have taken place in the Force during the Year ended
31st December, 1902.

RANKS.	Resigned.	Dismissed.	Super-annuated.	Deceased.	Abandoned.	Total Left the Force.	Total Joined the Force.
Chief Constable	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Superintendents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Inspectors	...	...	1	...	...	1	...
Sergeants	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
Constables	16	19	9	1	...	45	103
TOTALS.	16	19	10	2	...	47	103

TABLE VI.
POLICE ESTABLISHMENT and CHARGES for the Year ended December 31st, 1902, and Four preceding Years.

		ESTABLISHMENT.										COST OF ESTABLISHMENT.																								
POPULATION LAST CENSUS		Chief Constable.	Deputy Chief Constable	Chief Clerk.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Additional Constables.	Detective Officers.	TOTAL.	Salaries and Pay.	Allowances and Contingent Expenses.			Clothing and Accoutrements.			Superannua- tions and Gratuities paid during the year. (Other than those paid out of Super- annuation Fund.)			Horses, Harness, Forage, &c.			Buildings, Station House Charges, Printing, Stationery, &c.			Other Miscellaneous Charges.			Total Cost.			Superannua- tions and Gratuities paid out of Superannua- tion Fund.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£		s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1902	522,182	1	1	1	6	25	80	634	16	23	837	65,168	6	8	1920	5	7	7,151	7	6	†531 14 1 * 13 18 0	488	1	5	6,657	10	7	3,077	12	5	85,013	16	3	9,995	15	10
1901	522,182	1	1	1	6	18	61	639	16	32	775	60,950	8	2	1758	1	2	6,722	19	6	44 2 0	355	17	2	5,554	0	10	2,787	17	6	78,173	6	4	9,691	6	9
1900	478,113	1	1	1	6	25	71	569	18	26	718	58,358	11	3	1778	13	5	1,987	4	3	33 12 3	358	5	11	5,453	14	8	3,144	1	4	71,114	2	10	9,489	7	3
1899	478,113	1	1	1	7	25	70	570	18	26	718	58,336	18	9	1764	11	10	3,435	4	3	61 17 0	286	8	2	4,511	18	8	4,107	13	2	72,504	11	10	9,846	4	8
1898	478,113	1	1	1	7	25	71	568	19	26	719	57,996	4	5	1502	8	8	4,322	0	2	25 4 0	320	10	7	3,880	19	3	3,723	9	1	71,770	16	2	8,434	14	5

† Deficiency on Police Superannuation Fund.

* Gratuities.

TABLE VII.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons charged with being Drunk, and Drunk and Disorderly; also showing the Number of Persons charged with other offences committed while in a state of Drunkenness, during the years ended 31st December, 1902, and Four preceding years.

OFFENCE.	1902	1901	1900	1899	1898
Drunk, and Drunk and Disorderly ...	2,692	3,171	3,135	3,410	3,670
Drunkenness, accompanied with other offences ...	3,046	3,566	3,556	3,937	4,286

TABLE VIII.

RETURN showing the number of persons proceeded against summarily for Assaults on the Police during the Years ended 31st December, 1902, and four preceding years.

YEAR.	Number of Persons proceeded against.	Number of Persons convicted.
1902	416	392
1901	507	470
1900	496	469
1899	585	557
1898	623	564

TABLE IX.

RETURN showing the number of Persons proceeded against for Larceny and other Indictable Offences triable Summarily for the Years ended 31st December, 1902, and Four preceding Years.

	YEARS.				
	1902	1901	1900	1899	1898
Summary Jurisdiction Act	1068	949	968	831	999

TABLE X.
 RETURN of Persons between the ages of 7 and 16 years, who have been apprehended by the Police and taken before the Magistrates, also showing the character of the offence for which they were charged, during the years ended December 31st, 1902, and four preceding years.

AGE AND SEX.														OFFENCE.														
7		8		9		10		11		12		13		14		15		TOTAL.		Felony.		Misdemeanour.		Drunkenness.		Vagrancy.		
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
1902	2	3	1	12	...	32	2	54	4	84	...	107	10	123	9	209	12	625	38	272	22	238	6	1	...	114	10	
1901	1	6	...	12	1	26	2	37	4	74	5	126	13	210	15	257	23	763	63	225	18	387	1	5	2	146	12	
1900	2	4	...	36	1	82	3	67	3	83	6	140	9	226	5	234	12	874	39	310	23	406	5	...	...	158	11
1899	3	8	...	13	1	32	2	53	2	82	5	121	2	208	9	296	19	821	42	213	24	433	9	...	...	175	9
1898	...	1	8	1	19	1	33	3	54	3	100	8	140	9	252	15	326	14	982	53	291	32	455	12	1	...	186	9

TABLE XI.
 RETURN of the Number of Public Houses, Cider Houses, and Refreshment Houses with Wine Licenses;
 also showing the Number proceeded against, the Number Convicted, and the Number deprived of
 Licenses for Misconduct, during the years ended 31st December, 1902, and Four preceding years

	PUBLIC HOUSES.				BEER HOUSES.				CIDER HOUSES ONLY.				REFRESHMENT HOUSES WITH WINE LICENSE.			
	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.
1902	645	15	10	..	*1508	20	16	..	1	..	..	..	16	..	..	..
1901	645	16	5	..	1577	34	16	4	1	..	..	..	15	..	..	..
1900	652	31	17	5	1585	25	12	3	1	..	..	..	15	..	..	..
1899	657	26	17	..	1607	29	23	..	1	..	..	..	15	..	..	..
1898	653	16	7	2	1589	30	14	..	1	..	..	..	18	..	..	..

* Of the 1508 under the head "Beer Houses," 699 are licensed to sell Beer to be consumed on the premises, 170 for Beer and Wine "On," 443 are licensed to sell Beer to be consumed off the premises, and 196 are Dealers and Miscellaneous Licensees licensed to sell Beer, Wine or Spirits.

TABLE XII.
RETURN Showing the Number of Premises registered for the storage of Gunpowder and Mixed Explosives, and the Number of small Fire work Factories and Stores for Mixed Explosives, licensed under the Explosives Act, 1875 ; also the number of Premises Licensed under the Petroleum Acts, 1871 to 1881, during the year ended December 31st, 1902.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.				PETROLEUM ACTS, 1871 to 1881.			
Number of Premises Registered for the Storage of Gunpowder.	Number of Premises Registered for the Storage of Mixed Explosives.	Small Firework Factory.	Stores for Mixed Explosives.	Total Registered.	Number of Places Licensed for the Storage of Petroleum.	Number of Places Licensed for the Storage of Carbide of Calcium.	Total Licensed.
100	1086	1	2	1189	278	46	324

TABLE XIII.
RETURN showing the Number of Persons summoned under the Explosives Act, 1875, and Petroleum Acts, 1871 to 1881, the Number Convicted, and the total Amount of Fines and Costs inflicted.

	Number of Persons Summoned.	Number of Persons Convicted.	Total Amount of Fines Inflicted.			Total Amount of Costs Paid.		
Explosives Act ...	8	8	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
			16	10	0	3	6	0
Petroleum Act ...	11	11	48	0	0	5	17	0

TABLE XIV.
RETURN showing the amount of Money received for the Registration of Premises for the storage of Gunpowder and Mixed Explosives and the Amount received for Licenses under the Petroleum Acts.

EXPLOSIVES ACT.			PETROLEUM ACTS.		
Amount received for Registration of Premises, &c.			Amount received for Licenses.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
59	9	0	81	0	0

TABLE XV.

RETURN showing the numbers of Hackney Carriages, Hackney Carriage Drivers, the number of whose Licenses have been Revoked or Suspended; and the number of Articles found in the Vehicles during the Year ended 31st December, 1902, and corresponding period of 1901.

YEAR.	HACKNEY CARRIAGES.				HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS.				ARTICLES FOUND.			
	Number of Hackney Carriages Licensed.	Number of Proprietors.	Number of Proprietors holding more than one License.	Number of Proprietors holding only one License.	Number of Hackney Carriage Drivers Licensed.	Number of Hackney Carriage Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number whose Licenses have been suspended.	Number of Articles found	Number of Articles returned to the Owners.	Number given up to Drivers.	Number waiting to be claimed.	
1902	512	143	100	43	744	9	15	740	3	254	179	
1901	628	146	87	59	767	10	19	672	328	185	159	

TABLE XVI.

RETURN showing the numbers of Cars, Drivers, and Conductors Licensed on Tramways; also the numbers of Omnibuses and Brakes, Drivers and Conductors Licensed; the number of whose Licenses have been Revoked or Suspended; and the number of Articles found in Tram Cars, Omnibuses, or Brakes, and brought to the Public Carriage Office, also the number of such Articles given up to Owners or Conductors, and the number waiting to be owned, during the year ended 31st Dec., 1902, and corresponding period of 1901.

YEAR.	TRAM CARS.						OMNIBUSES AND BRAKES.						ARTICLES FOUND.			
	Number of Tram Cars Licensed.	Number of Tram Car Drivers Licensed.	Number of Tram Car Conductors Licensed.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Omnibuses and Brakes Licensed.	Number of Omnibus and Brake Drivers Licensed.	Number of Omnibus and Brake Conductors Licensed.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Articles Returned to Owners.	Number of Articles given up to Finder.	Number waiting to be Claimed.
1902 ...	212	393	550	—	—	—	230	456	427	2	1	1	—	3936	1426	824
1901 ...	208	414	682	—	—	—	260	457	515	2	—	—	—	3643	1109	982

TABLE XVII.

Return of the Number of Pedlars' Certificates granted in the Birmingham Police District during the year ended 31st December, 1902.

Number of Certificates granted.	Amount of Money received for Granting Certificates and paid to Borough Fund.
345	£ 86 s. 5 d. 0

TABLE XVIII.

Return of the Number of Cattle and Vehicles found in the Streets by the Police and impounded by them; also showing how they were disposed of, for the year ended 31st December, 1902, the Amount received, and to what Account paid.

The Number of Cattle or Vehicles found in the Streets.	Number of Cattle or Vehicles restored to owners.	Number of Cattle or Vehicles sold, not being owned.	Paid to Improvement Account.	Paid to Superannuation Account.
425	412	13	£ 32 s. 17 d. 0	£ 9 s. 0 d. 0

TABLE XIX.

Return showing the Number of Accidents caused by Steam, Cable, and Electric Trams, and other Vehicular Traffic in the Streets for the Year ended 31st December, 1902.

Accidents caused by Trams.			Accidents by other Vehicles.	Total.	Proprietors.
Steam.	Cable.	Electric.			
39	19	3	552	613	City of Birmingham Co. 30 Birmingham & Midland 8 Aston Tram Co. ... 1 City of Birmingham Co. 19 (Cable Trams.) City of Birmingham Co. 3 (Electric Trams.)

TABLE XX.

A RETURN showing the number of Premises Found Open by the Police between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., for the twelve months ended December 31st, 1902.

PREMISES FOUND INSECURE.

DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES.	BY DOORS BEING LEFT OPEN.	BY WINDOWS BEING LEFT OPEN.	BY OTHER MEANS.	TOTAL.	INCREASE ON LAST YEAR.	DECREASE ON LAST YEAR.
Shops	1,533	35	7	1,575	20	...
Warehouses, &c.	177	9	1	187	...	89
Factories	515	20	12	547	74	...
Dwelling Houses	1,746	133	22	1,901	...	263
Other Premises not included as above ...	828	5	8	841	...	53
	4,799	202	50	5,051	94	405

Circulars are specially sent to the owners—where caretakers and others responsible have left their premises open inadvertently.



REPORT
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AND THE
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IN THE
CITY OF BIRMINGHAM,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1903.



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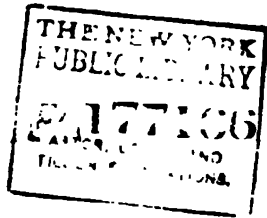
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MEMBERS OF THE WATCH COMMITTEE.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR.

Ex-Officio.

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COUNCILLOR A. GODLEE.	

Birmingham,
10th February, 1904.

AT A MEETING OF THE WATCH COMMITTEE, held on
the 10th day of February, 1904,

MR. ALDERMAN JARVIS IN THE CHAIR.

The Chief Constable submitted Statistical Returns for the
Year ended 31st December, 1903.

Resolved,

“ That the Returns be printed, and that a copy be sent to each
City Magistrate and Member of the Council.”

REPORT.

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S OFFICE,

CORPORATION STREET,

10TH FEBRUARY, 1904.

*To the Chairman and Members
of the Watch Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the Criminal Statistics and other Miscellaneous Returns for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

On the 1st April, 1901, the fixed strength of the Force was increased from 700 to 800 men, and on 1st April, 1902 and 1903, it was further increased by 20. It now numbers 840. In addition the Force will continue to increase by 20 men every year until a total strength of 920 is reached.

The authorised strength of the Police Force on the 31st December last was 840. There were also 16 additional Constables (who are paid for under the Acts 3 and 4 Vict., cap 88, sec. 19). The actual strength was 886; their nationalities being—712 English, 81 Irish, 38 Welsh, 8 Scotch, 1 German, and 1 Dane; their average height being 5 feet 10½ inches.

During the year 20 (mostly recruits) have resigned at their own request, 30 on report, 14 were superannuated, and 4 died.

Ninety-three men joined the Force during the year.

Of the 886 effective men, 292 are under five years' service; between five and ten years, 163; between ten and fifteen years, 171; between fifteen and twenty years, 96; between twenty and twenty-five years, 79; and 35 twenty-five years and upwards.

There were 179 members on the Superannuation list on 31st December last, viz., 6 Superintendents, 14 Inspectors, 32 Sergeants, and 127 Constables. In addition to these there are the two children of the late P.C. Snipe, who met with his death in the execution of his duty.

DETECTIVE DEPARTMENT.—This Department consists of 1 Superintendent, 1 Chief Inspector, 5 Inspectors, 13 Sergeants (including 1 Clerk), and 23 Constables (including 3 Clerks). In addition several Constables in plain clothes, in conjunction with Detectives, have been employed at Divisions.

The value of property reported to the Police as having been stolen or fraudulently obtained within the City during the year was £5,164 1s. Od., of which goods, &c., to the value of £1,546 11s. 10d. were recovered.

The number of Enquiries, Notices, Informations, etc., received from other towns, and requiring attention by the Detective Department, during the year was 7,670.

On referring to Government Table "G" it will be seen that the number of Convicts on License and persons subject to Police Supervision who lived in Birmingham during 1903 is 215. This number includes criminals who have been convicted for almost every class of serious crime. The Detectives have been instrumental in obtaining employment for several of these men, and in many instances those who have been found work have reformed.

**Comparative Return of Chief Offences—Return A—for the
Years 1902 and 1903.**

1902.				1903.				REMARKS.
OFFENCE.	Total Offences.	Persons Apprehended.	Total Offences.	Persons Apprehended.	Increase of Offences.	Decrease of Offences.		
Murder, Adults... ..	—	—	1	1	1	—		
Murder, Infants	—	—	1	1	1	—		
Attempts to Murder	6	7	—	—	—	6		
Manslaughter	6	6	4	5	—	2		
Wounding (Misdemeanour) ...	39	46	26	31	—	13		
Offences against "Criminal Law Amendment Act"	5	5	4	4	—	1		
Burglary and Housebreaking...	88	53	77	36	—	11		
Warehouse Breaking	136	87	102	54	—	34		
Forgery and uttering (Felony)	6	6	8	8	2	—		
Robbery, with violence	5	12	3	6	—	2		
Larceny from the Person	115	74	56	47	—	59		
Larceny by Servants	111	74	122	83	11	—		
Larceny, Simple	1125	950	1183	822	58	—		
Embezzlement	39	27	42	36	3	—		
Receiving	22	18	22	26	—	—		
Obtaining Goods, &c., by False Pretences	50	42	34	29	—	16		
Uttering or possessing Counterfeit Coin	2	3	2	2	—	—		
Attempted Suicides	76	76	87	87	11	—		

MURDER.—Ellen Hood, aged 24, domestic servant, was charged with causing the death of her illegitimate child by strangulation on the 24th April. She was committed to the Assizes, and sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Harry Nicholls, aged 39, labourer, was charged with causing the death of his wife on the 18th July. Nicholls went home drunk and quarrelsome. She was kicked by her husband, hæmorrhage set in, and she died. Nicholls was committed to the Assizes, and sentenced to ten years' penal servitude.

MANSLAUGHTER.—William Coggins, aged 32, and George Plant, aged 32, both boatmen and living in Lodge Road, were charged with causing the death of Duncan Jones, on the canal side, on the night of the 21st October.

For the defence it was stated by accused that the deceased went and demanded food, which was refused. That Jones threatened to kill Coggins and Plant, and followed the threat up with blows with the tiller of Coggins' boat. That Plant struck deceased, knocking him down and causing his death.

When found, Jones' skull was beaten in, and his arm broken.

Coggins and Plant were committed to the Assizes, on a charge of manslaughter. A verdict of "not guilty" was returned.

Charles Henry Summers was charged with causing the death of a man named Lovell in a lodging house, Dean Street, on the 10th June.

Summers and deceased quarrelled, and in the struggle which ensued Lovell fell to the ground, fracturing his skull, from which he died.

Summers was committed to the Assizes, and discharged.

William George Jones, aged 32, clerk, was charged with causing the death of his uncle, Charles Jones, aged 46, both of 45, Ludgate Hill.

On the night of the 24th June, William Jones returned home about midnight, when the woman with whom he lived complained of the conduct of his uncle. He ordered deceased to leave the house, who refused. A struggle ensued, in which both fell across the table, William Jones being uppermost, and on recovering himself found that his uncle was dead. William thereupon went upstairs and cut his own throat, which necessitated his detention in the hospital for a considerable time. After recovery he was committed to the Assizes and discharged.

On the 18th October, Thomas Chandler, age 60, was charged with causing the death of his brother, James Chandler, by striking him with his fist and knocking him down, causing his death.

The Coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and Thomas Chandler was discharged.

INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—The number for 1903 is 1,813, against 1,869 in 1902. There is an increase of offences in 1903—of adult murder, 1; infant murder, 1; forgery (felony), 2; larceny (servant), 11; larceny (simple), 58; embezzlement, 3; and attempted suicide, 11. The decreases for the same period are in the following offences, namely—attempted murder, 6; manslaughter, 2; wounding (misdemeanour), 13; Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1; burglary and housebreaking, 11; warehouse breaking, 34; robbery with violence, 2; larceny from the person, 59; and obtaining goods, &c., by false pretences, 16; as shown in Comparative Return on page 7.

As will be seen, the total number of Indictable Offences during the year was 1,813, the number of persons proceeded against for these offences being 1,346. The 1,813 crimes were made up as follows:—

GOVERNMENT TABLES.

Offences against the Person (these include Murder, Manslaughter, Wounding) and Offences against the Criminal Law Amendment Act	40
Offences against Property with Violence, viz., Burglary, Housebreaking, Shopbreaking, Assaults and Robbery, &c.	197
Offences against Property without Violence, viz., Simple Larceny, Larceny (Person), Larceny (Servant), Embezzlement, &c....	1,467
Malicious Injury to Property	9
Forgery and Offences against the Currency, viz., Forgery, Uttering, Coining, &c. ...	10
Other Offences, viz., Attempted Suicide, &c. ...	90
Total	<u>1,818</u>

The following is a comparative return, for the years 1902 and 1903, of the principal cases dealt with summarily by the Justices :—

Comparative Return of Chief Offences. Persons proceeded against Summarily, Tables B and C, for the years 1902 and 1903.

1902.		1903.		
NATURE OF OFFENCE.	Number of persons proceeded against.	Number of persons proceeded against.	Increase.	Decrease.
Aggravated Assaults	75	56	—	19
Assaults on Police	416	459	43	—
Assaults (common)	1157	1112	—	45
Drunkenness	2880	3432	552	—
Wilful Damage	166	166	—	—
Elementary Education Act (not sending Children to School)...	2202	2854	652	—
OTHER OFFENCES.				
Vagrancy Act: Begging	145	114	—	31
Sleeping out	300	364	64	—
Gaming	765	985	220	—
Found on enclosed premises	40	61	21	--
Keeping Brothels (Criminal Law Amendment Act)	19	35	16	—
Prostitutes				
Town Police Clauses Act	3500	4495	995	—
Borough Bye-Laws				
Local Acts & Bye-Laws				
Highway Acts, viz. :				
Bicycles	1582	1427	—	155
Offences by Owners & Drivers of Carts				
Obstructions and Nuisances...				
Army and Navy Act	264	190	—	74
Hackney Carriages, Offences against	127	104	—	23

The total number of non-indictable offences tried summarily is 17,181, being an increase of 1,825 on the year 1902. The increase is general, with few exceptions, and the headings under which the greater increase occurs are as follows:—Vagrancy Act, 305; Elementary Education Act, 652; Drunkenness, 552; and Borough Bye-Laws, 995.

The particulars of the Offences tried summarily were made up as follows:—

Assaults	...	...	...	...	1,627
Frequenting	...	...	...	...	67
Brothel Keeping	...	...	...	..	35
Cruelty to Animals	...	...	...	...	199
Prostitution	...	...	...	...	665
Malicious Damage to Property...	...	...	...	...	166
Highway Acts, Offences against, viz.:—Bicycles, Owners and Drivers of Carts, Obstructions and Nuisances	...	...	...	...	1,427
Elementary Education Acts	...	...	...	...	2,854
Local Acts and Bye-laws	..	...	...	...	4,495
Vagrancy Act, Offences against, viz.:—Begging, Sleeping out, Gaming, &c.	...	...	...	...	1,524
Sanitary Laws	...	...	...	...	56
Stage and Hackney Carriage Regulations	...	...	...	...	104
Drunkenness, Permitting Drunkenness, &c.	...	...	...	...	3,462
Army and Navy Acts	...	...	...	...	190
Other Offences	...	...	...	...	310
Total	...	...	...	...	17,181

The method of procedure was as follows :—

Arrested without Warrant	...	...	...	7,739
Arrested on Warrant issued in first instance	...	...	...	74
Arrested on Warrant issued on failure to appear to Summons	...	...	...	94
Proceeded against by Summons	...	...	...	9,274
Total	...	...	...	<u>17,181</u>

The following was the result of proceedings :—

Convicted	...	...	...	...	18,777
Charge withdrawn (no prosecution)	...	...	...	...	1,828
Charge dismissed (no evidence)	...	...	...	...	640
Discharged under Summary Jurisdiction Act, Section 16 (i.)	...	...	...	...	1,258
Delivered to Naval and Military Authorities, &c.	...	...	...	...	173
Committed to Industrial School for not attending School, &c.	...	...	...	...	5
Total	...	...	...	...	<u>17,181</u>

LICENSING ACTS.

The following Table, which was presented at the last General Annual Licensing Sessions, shows the offences committed by Licensed Victuallers and Beer Sellers, and the Decisions of the Justices, during the past 12 months ending 5th February, 1904 :—

LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

Drunk on own Licensed Premises	...	...	...	2
Permitting Drunkenness	...	...	...	5
Prohibited Hours	...	...	...	1
Selling Drink to Drunken Persons	...	...	...	5
Supplying Children under 14 years of age	...	...	...	3
Supplying Drink to Police when on Duty	...	...	...	2
Total	...	...	...	<u>18</u>

DECISIONS.

Fined 20 shillings and costs	...	...	3
To pay costs ...	...	...	2
Withdrawn ...	...	...	3
Dismissed ...	...	...	10
			—
Total	...	...	18
			—

BEER SELLERS.

Permitting Drunkenness	...	...	6
Drunk in own House	...	...	2
Selling Drink to Child on Premises under 14 years of age ...	...	...	5
Selling Drink to Drunken Persons...	...	...	5
Selling Drink to Police when on Duty	...	...	1
			—
Total	...	...	19
			—

DECISIONS.

Fined 40 shillings and costs	...	...	1
Fined £1 and costs ...	...	...	5
Fined 10 shillings and costs	...	...	4
To pay costs ...	...	...	3
Dismissed ...	...	...	4
Withdrawn ...	...	...	2
			—
Total	...	...	19
			—

During the year, 30,889 visits of inspection were paid by the police to licensed premises. 8,064 persons were convicted of drunkenness, as against 2,576 in 1902. an increase of 488.

During the year 1908, 41 persons have been dealt with under the Licensing Act, 1902, sec. 6, and put upon what is popularly called the "Black List," with the following results:—

Not re-convicted	...	...	...	...	15
Re-convicted once	...	...	...	...	7
Re-convicted twice	...	...	...	...	8
Re-convicted three times	...	...	...	...	5
Re-convicted four times	...	...	...	...	4
Re-convicted seven times	...	...	...	...	2
					—
					41
					—

The Royal Victoria Homes at Brentry, near Bristol, for habitual inebriates, were opened in 1899, and since then 1 male and 18 females have been sent from this City and admitted. Each of these has been committed for three years. The Justices periodically visit the Homes, and have expressed themselves thoroughly satisfied with the arrangements.

The following table shows the number admitted each year:—

PATIENTS FROM BIRMINGHAM AT BRENTRY HOMES.

Year ending 31st December.	Number Received from Birmingham.		Number of Birmingham Patients in Homes on 31st December each year.		Number of Birmingham Vacancies on 31st December each year.		REMARKS.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
1899	1	...	1	...	14	Only beds for females have been reserved, but one man has been received to fill one of the vacant beds.
1900	4	...	4	...	11	
1901	5	...	7	...	8	
1902	7	...	8	
1903 ...	1	3	1	7	...	7	

INSPECTION OF THEATRES AND MUSIC HALLS.—During the year 770 visits of inspection were made by the Police Inspectors to theatres and places licensed for music.

STRAY DOGS.—During the year, 1,150 dogs were removed from the streets, 39 of which were restored to their owners, and 1,111 sent to the Dogs' Homes, New Canal Street and Icknield Port Road.

PUBLIC CARRIAGE DEPARTMENT.—There are 946 public vehicles licensed to ply for hire in the City, viz., 505 Hackney Carriages, 224 Stage Carriages, and 217 Tram Cars.

HACKNEY CARRIAGES.—An inspection has been held on the last Tuesday in each month, with the result that ten cabs have been rejected as being unfit for the public service, and in 16 cases the proprietors have returned the number plates, with an intimation that they did not intend to apply for the renewal of the licences for the vehicles. During the year 19 new Hackney Carriages, all of superior build and finish, have been placed on the streets of the City. There is now a decrease of seven in this class of vehicle as compared with my last Report.

STAGE CARRIAGES.—The 224 Stage Carriages are made up of 119 Omnibuses and 105 Char-a-bancs. The latter class of vehicle is inspected at the monthly Inspection, and during the year six Char-a-bancs have been rejected as being unfit for further service. The licences of ten other Char-a-bancs have been allowed by the Proprietors to lapse. Ten new Char-a-bancs have been brought into the public service. This is a decrease of six Char-a-bancs this year as compared with last year. The Omnibuses are inspected at the various Depôts on Sunday mornings (so as not to interfere with the services), and there has been a great improvement in the cleanliness of this class of vehicle.

MOTOR OMNIBUSES.—In July last the Birmingham Motor Express Company, Ltd., were granted temporary permission to run a service of Motor Omnibuses between the Grammar School, New

Street, and the Fountain, Hagley Road. Five vehicles were submitted for licences, and are at the present time in use ; but, owing to insufficient power in the engines, they have not been a success.

The Company, however, have ordered six new Motor Omnibuses of more modern manufacture, and on receipt of the new vehicles those already in service will be dispensed with.

TRAM CARS.—There are 217 Tramcars in the City, made up as follows :—

Steam...	...	...	...	...	...	127
Cable ...	...	...	...	...	...	54
Electric	...	...	...	...	...	26
Horse	...	...	...	...	...	10
						<hr/>
						217
						<hr/>

These vehicles are inspected on Sunday mornings at the various Depots.

During the year five new Electric Cars have been added to those plying on the Bristol Road route.

DRIVERS AND CONDUCTORS.—2,452 men are employed in this City as Drivers and Conductors of public vehicles, and are licensed as such.

This number is made up as follows :—

Hackney Carriage Drivers...	...	...	...	735
Stage Carriage Drivers	417
Stage Carriage Conductors	398
Tram Drivers...	382
Tram Conductors	525
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Total	2,452
				<hr/>

During the year 381 additional men have been licensed, viz. :—
 34 Stage Carriage Drivers, 32 Hackney Carriage Drivers, 80
 Stage Carriage Conductors, 48 Tram Drivers, and 187 Tram
 Conductors. 499 men have returned their badges, having ceased
 to exercise their calling. As compared with my last return there is
 a decrease of 118 men employed on public vehicles. The cause of
 the decrease is that many do not use their licenses, and therefore do
 not care to pay the fees for the renewal. The total fees taken by
 the Department for the licenses of vehicles and men during the year
 was £401 8s. 0d.

LOST PROPERTY.—There is an increase of 383 articles dealt with
 by this Branch of the Public Carriage Department. 5,059 articles
 have during the year been delivered at the Lost Property Office by
 drivers and conductors, who received rewards varying from 3d. to £1
 for their honesty. The estimated value of the property dealt with
 is £760 12s. 10½d. The following list gives an idea of the variety
 of property lost by the travelling public :—

Umbrellas	...	...	...	...	1,841
Walking Sticks	...	...	...	...	92
Purses	...	...	...	...	445
Loose Money (in lots)	...	...	...	...	32
Postal Orders	...	...	...	...	1
Cheques	..	...	...	...	4
Parcels	...	...	...	...	417
Bags and Portmanteaus	...	...	...	...	395
Gloves (pairs)	...	...	...	...	380
Gloves (odd)	...	...	...	...	19
Articles of Wearing Apparel	...	...	...	...	365
Boots (pairs) ...	...	...	...	...	48
Boots (odd) ...	...	...	...	...	2
Tobacco Pipes and Pouches	...	...	...	...	82
Books ...	...	...	...	...	319
Spectacles	...	...	...	...	105
Opera Glasses	...	...	...	...	7
Watches	...	...	...	...	15
Articles of Jewellery	...	...	...	...	158

Workmen's Tools	...	...	...	...	57
Pictures	...	...	...	...	27
Musical Instruments	...	...	...	...	1
Photographic Materials	...	...	...	...	6
Sundries	...	...	...	...	241
Total	...	...	...	...	<u>5,059</u>

The 445 purses contained coin, &c., to the value of £164 8s. 0½d.; the loose money amounted to £8 6s. 9d.; the value of the postal order was £1, and the four cheques represented £26 16s. 9d.

Amongst the articles described as sundries was a human skull and arm bones, a number of South African bonds, a marriage certificate, hospital collecting box, several sets of false teeth, and an artificial eye.

The 5,059 articles were disposed of as follows:—

Restored to owners	...	...	...	...	2,188
Given up to finder	...	...	...	...	1,786
Waiting claimants	...	...	...	...	1,140
Total	...	...	...	...	<u>5,059</u>

MOTOR CAR ACT, 903.—The duty of registering Motor Cars and Cycles, and licensing the Drivers of such vehicles is performed by the Public Carriage Department. 249 Motor Cars and 266 Motor Cycles have been registered, and licenses to drive have been issued to 451 persons.

Thirty-one General Identification Marks have been allotted to Manufacturers and Dealers under Section 4. proviso (b) of the Act.

The total fees taken for registrations and licenses is £582 15s.

THE POLICE INSTRUCTION CLASSES.—As the present and future efficiency of the Service can only be maintained by instilling into

the recruits a sound and serviceable knowledge of their duty, this matter has received careful consideration.

The valuable co-operation of the Education Committee in the work of Police Education has enabled the Police Instructors to confine their attention more exclusively to the idea of defining to the recruits their powers, duties, and how to carry them out with tact and efficiency.

Matters of importance and emergency of almost every day occurrence are brought before their notice, and the mode of dealing with the same explained. Careful attention has also been given to instruction in drawing up official reports, and the correct methods of conducting cases at the Police Courts.

It has been gratifying to find that, in several instances, constables of very short service have acted in cases of importance with commendable judgment and activity, and only recently two have been promoted to the merit class and others complimented for good police duty.

The classes are held in the Gymnasium of the Police Institute, and during the year 97 recruits have been under instruction.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.—There are at present in the Force 769 members who have passed the first examination, and out of this number 418 have passed the second, and 281 the third; and 9 have secured Nursing Certificates. Of the 67 members of the Force who have not yet passed the examination, 61 are recruits who have joined since the last classes were formed; the remainder are old officers.

Your Committee has now arranged with the Divisional Superintendents to establish annual revision classes in each Division. These have already commenced. All members of the Force will therefore have passed their third examination within three years. All recruits will in future do so within three years from joining; and the whole Force will pass through an annual course of revision, which will much improve its efficiency in the important work of rendering "First Aid" to the injured.

The amount of work done by the members of the Association in the Force during the year has proved very satisfactory, as 1,050 cases have been recorded in which first aid has been rendered, as against 919 in 1902.

In several cases members have been complimented by doctors and others, and awards made by the Watch Committee for the promptness and skill of various members.

Several notable cases have occurred, of which the following are illustrations, viz. :—

1.—On August 3rd, a man named Richard Lightfoot was stabbed in the neck severing the artery. P.C.'s 126 A George Clarke and 73 A John T. Smith rendered "First Aid." P.C. Clarke was commended, and awarded a Guinea by the Recorder, and also complimented in Police Orders. P.C. Smith being awarded the first Stripe of Merit, and complimented in Police Orders.

The Doctor who gave evidence at the Sessions stated that the prompt action of the Constables saved Lightfoot's life.

2.—P.C. 145 C. Richard Campbell was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Certificate on the 15th October, for rendering "First Aid" by applying artificial respiration to James Boram (aged 11 years), who had fallen into the canal.

3.—On the 16th June, Thomas Boyce, age 9, fell into the canal, and was rescued by a man unknown. He was rendered "First Aid" by two Constables, who succeeded after thirty minutes in restoring animation.

Doctor Trout, in a report, stated that the prompt action of the Constables saved life.

4.—On the 24th November, P.C. 109 D. Nicks was called to the back of 50, Greenway Street, where a girl had attempted suicide by taking poison. The Constable administered an antidote. Doctor Hannah was called, and ordered her removal to the Hospital, stating at the same time the Constable's

promptitude and knowledge of "First Aid" had saved the girl's life. The Constable was awarded two Merit Stripes.

5.—On the 29th June, P.C. E. 85 Albert Beech was awarded the first Stripe of Merit for rendering "First Aid" to a man who, while under the influence of drink, pushed his arm through a pane of glass, severing an artery.

6.—On the 13th August, P.C. E. 47 Frederick Baker was awarded the second Stripe of Merit, and presented with the Royal Humane Society's Certificate for rescuing a boy from the canal, and restoring animation by means of artificial respiration.

7.—On September 19th, P.C. 61 E. George Hamilton and 87 E. John Boland were each awarded the Royal Humane Society's Certificate for applying artificial respiration to a boy who had fallen into the canal.

The cases treated during the year have been :—

Wounds	660
Fractures	97
Fits (various)	228
Burns and Scalds	17
Sprains	10
Taking Poison, Attempted Suicide ...	24
Apparently Drowned	7
Injuries not classified	9
Dislocations	8
Total	<u>1,050</u>

In October, 1901, a Horse Ambulance was purchased by the Watch Committee, to be used in cases of accidents or serious illness ; since which time frequent applications are made for its use. It is stabled in Moor Street Police Station Yard, and there is much delay in getting it out at times, as the approach to that yard is through the yard of the Lamp Department in Park Street, used for storage purposes.

The Ambulance has been used on 208 occasions, viz. :—129 for accidents, and 79 for removal in cases of serious illness, &c.

CORONER'S INQUESTS.—It will be observed that there have been during the year 576 Inquests, and the following show the finding of the Juries :—

Murder	3
Manslaughter	3
Suicide whilst insane (Males 57)	} 73
Suicide whilst insane (Females 16)	
Accidents	311
Natural causes	162
Other causes	24
Total	576

The 311 cases of accidental death include 91 cases of children suffocated while in bed with their parents or others.

LOST CHILDREN.—During the year 1,981 lost children were found by the Police, and 1,967 were restored to their parents or friends, and 14 were sent to the Workhouse.

During the past year the number of premises found insecure by the Police was 5,459. Such carelessness tends to greatly increase the number of cases involving dishonesty.

Captain the Hon. C. G. Legge, His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for the Midland Counties, inspected the Force on the 8th and 9th July last, and expressed himself satisfied with its efficiency.

In my Annual Report for 1902, I referred to the inadequacy of the existing Police Station accommodation for the requirements of the Force, and its consequent inconvenience and impaired efficiency

This matter is becoming daily more urgent, especially in the centre of the City.

Moor Street Police Station and Stables are unfit for Police purposes, and should be given up and sold. I understand that your Committee desires to sell this property.

There is an available site near the Law Courts, and I strongly urge your Committee to secure it, and ultimately to erect on it a suitable Police Station and Stables, and also a Public Mortuary, the need for which is daily felt.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES HAUGHTON RAFTER,

Chief Constable.

INDICTABLE AND NON-INDICTABLE TABLES,
A to H.

SYNOPSIS OF GOVERNMENT TABLES,
CRIMINAL AND OTHERWISE.

Indictable Offences, Crimes Committed, Apprehensions and Proceedings	TABLE A.
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Cases tried Summarily. Proceedings and Results	C.
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Persons under Police Supervision	G.
Suspected Persons at large, and houses of bad character	H.

RETURN A.—INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—CRIMES

OFFENCE.	Number of Crimes Committed.	Persons Apprehended.					
		Total Number.			Apprehended.		
		Total.	M.	F.	Without Warrant.	On Warrant issued in First Instance.	On Warrant issued on Failure to appear to Summons.
Murder of Persons aged above one year	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Murder of Infants aged one year and under	1	1	...	1	1	...	...
Attempt to Murder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Threats, Conspiracy, or Incitement to Murder	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Manslaughter	4	5	5	...	5	...	...
Wounding and other Acts endangering Life	2	3	3	...	3	...	...
Endangering Railway Passengers	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Malicious wounding and other like offences (Misdemeanors)	26	31	29	2	31	...	...
Abandoning Children under two years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Procuring Abortion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Concealment of Birth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unnatural Offences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indecency with Males	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Rape	3	3	3	...	2	1	...
Indecent Assaults on Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burglary	15	10	10	...	10	...	...
Housebreaking	62	26	26	...	26	...	...
Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, &c.	102	54	54	...	54	...	...
Attempts to break into Houses, Shops, Warehouses, &c.	9	...	...	...	...	...	...
Entering with Intent to Commit Felony	1	2	2	...	2	...	...
Possession of Housebreaking Tools, &c.	5	5	5	...	5	...	...
Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob	3	6	5	1	6	...	...
Larceny of Horses, Cattle, and Sheep	3	5	5	...	5	...	...
Larceny from the Person	56	47	25	22	47	...	...
Larceny by a Servant	122	83	69	14	78	4	1
Embezzlement	42	36	35	1	20	16	...
Larceny of Post Letters	2	2	2	...	2	...	...
Simple larceny and minor larcenies	1183	822	718	104	819	2	1
Obtaining Goods, &c., by false pretences	34	29	27	2	20	9	...
Falsifying Accounts	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Frauds	2	2	1	1	2	...	...
Receiving Stolen Goods	22	26	19	7	26	...	...
Setting Fire to Crops, Plantations, &c.	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Other Malicious Injuries	8	3	3	...	3	...	...
Forgery and uttering (Felony)	8	8	7	1	3	5	...
Uttering or possessing Counterfeit Coin	2	2	1	1	2	...	...
Perjury	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Habitual Drunkenness	2	2	1	1	2	...	...
Suicide (attempting to commit)	87	87	44	43	87	...	...
		1813	1305	1104	201	1266	37 2

NOTE.—The number of Larcenies, &c., committed, as stated above, is inclusive of 305 cases where the

COMMITTED.—APPREHENSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Disposal of Persons Apprehended.							Disposal of Persons appearing to Summons.									
On withdrawal of Prosecution.	Dis- charged.	Tried Summarily and		Com- mitted for Trial and	Bailed to come up for further Examination when required.	Persons (not apprehended) appearing to Summons.	Total	M.	F.	On withdrawal of Prosecution.	Dis- charged.	Tried Summarily and		Com- mitted for Trial and	Bailed to come up for further Examination when required.	Persons whose cases were pending at the end of the year.
		Discharged (Acquitted).	Convicted.									Discharged (Acquitted).	Convicted.			
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	14	...	...	10	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...
...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...
...	5	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	5	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	15	...	...	38	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...
...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	16	21	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	9	66	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	4	29	2	1	...	6	6	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	5	267	473	72	2	...	23	20	3	...	...	15	8	...	...	...
...	...	7	14	8	...	...	5	5	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	5	14	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	3	...	...	5	5	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
87	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
97	53	308	617	216	12	2	41	38	3	2	5	23	11	...	...	...

property stolen was of less value than 5s., and no person was apprehended or proceeded against

RETURN B.—NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES.

OFFENCES.	Persons Apprehended.						
	Total Number.			Apprehended.			
	M.	F.	Total.	Without Warrant.	On Warrant Issued in First Instance.	On Warrant Issued on Failure to Appear to Substantiate.	
Adulteration of Food and Drugs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Aggravated Assaults	38	4	42	39	1	2	
Assaults on Constables	346	64	410	406	2	2	
Common Assaults	487	53	540	468	31	41	
Brothel Keeping	1	2	3	...	...	3	
Cruelty to Animals	1	...	1	1	...	...
Cruelty to or Neglect of Children	1	1	2	...	2	...	
Dogs, Offences in relation to	1	...	1	1	...	...
Elementary Education Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Explosives, Offences in relation to	...	...	...	...	...	...
Game Laws, Unlawful Possession of Game, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Acts, Offences by Owners and Drivers of Carts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Acts, Obstructions and Nuisances	84	1	85	76	...	9	
Highway Acts, Locomotives	...	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Acts, Bicycles	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent Advertisements	5	...	5	4	...	1	
Indecent Exposure	15	...	15	15	...	...
Drunkenness	2428	751	3179	3169	...	10	
Permitting Drunkenness on Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...
Habitual Drunkards Purchasing or Obtaining Drink	1	2	3	3	...	...
Selling Drink to or Procuring Drink for Habitual Drunkards	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences against Public Order	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sale of Drink to Children	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against Closing Regulations	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labour Laws, Offences against Intimidation	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labour Laws, Offences against Factory Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labour Laws, Offences against Shop Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious Damage to Trees, Shrubs, &c.	1	...	1	1	...	...
Malicious Damage to Fruit, &c.	4	...	4	4	...	...
Malicious Damage, Other Offences	85	12	97	96	...	1	
Army Act, Offences against	171	...	171	171	...	...
Navy Act, Offences against	19	...	19	19	...	...
Offences by Pawnbrokers	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unlawful Pledging	6	12	18	18	...	...
Town Police Clauses Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Borough Bye-laws, Offences against	1086	195	1281	1260	...	21	
Local Acts and Bye-laws, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Poor Law, Neglecting to Maintain Family, &c.	37	...	37	...	37	...	
Poor Law, Misbehaviour by Paupers	2	2	4	4	...	...
Prevention of Crimes Acts, Offences by Supervisees	20	...	20	19	...	1	
Prostitution	...	665	665	665	...	...
Railways, Offences in relation to	70	...	70	70	...	...
Revenue Laws, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Law, Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Law, Infectious Diseases Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Law, Local Acts and Bye-Laws	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stage and Hackney Carriage Regulations, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stealing Growing Fruit, Plants, Vegetables, &c.	9	...	9	9	...	...
Streets and Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tramways Act, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vaccination Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vagrancy Acts, Begging	101	13	114	113	...	1	
Vagrancy Act, Sleeping Out	300	64	364	364	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Gaming, &c.	507	...	507	504	...	3	
Vagrancy Act, Found in Enclosed Premises	61	...	61	61	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Frequenting	66	1	67	67	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Other Offences	167	5	172	172	...	...
Weights and Measures Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences, viz. :—	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wilfully Delaying Transmission of Telegrams	...	...	...	...	...	...
Selling Bread otherwise than by Weight	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bread Sellers not carrying Scales	...	...	...	...	...	...
Infringement of Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...	...
Withholding Moneys of Trade Society	...	...	...	...	...	...
False Trade Description	...	...	...	...	...	...
Infringement of Gun Barrel Proof Act, 1868	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	6080	1847	7927	7739	74	94	

APPREHENSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Disposal of Persons Apprehended.			Persons dealt with on Summons. (Either on Appearance to Summons or in Absence.)			Cases adjudicated on in Absence of Defendant.			Persons whose cases were pending at the end of the year.	
Discharged.	Convicted.	Otherwise Disposed of.	Number.			Disposal.				
			Males.	Females.	Total.	Discharged.	Convicted.	Otherwise Disposed of.		
...	...	...	71	10	81	9	72	...	2	...
...	42	...	14	...	14	...	14	...	...	...
16	394	...	39	10	49	8	41	...	...	...
102	438	...	415	157	572	245	327	...	...	...
2	1	...	14	18	32	9	24	...	...	...
...	1	...	196	2	198	41	157	...	...	...
...	2	...	32	25	57	28	29	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	2377	477	2854	784	2065	5	452	...
...	...	...	3	...	3	...	3	...	...	...
...	...	...	3	...	3	...	3	...	...	...
...	...	...	257	...	257	15	242	...	...	...
11	74	...	995	37	1032	174	858	...	8	...
...	...	...	24	...	24	3	21	...	...	...
...	...	...	29	...	29	2	27	...	1	...
1	4	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
2	13	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
327	2852	...	204	49	253	41	212	...	...	...
...	...	...	9	...	9	3	6	...	...	...
...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	7	8	2	6	...	...	...
...	...	...	20	1	21	9	12	...	...	...
...	...	...	5	6	11	4	7	...	...	...
...	...	...	15	...	15	15	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	3	...	3	3	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	23	1	24	2	22	...	...	...
...	...	...	18	1	19	3	16	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	72	...	57	12	69	29	40	...	...	...
9	5	157	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	2	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...
1	17	...	2	1	3	2	1	...	...	...
...	...	...	1434	167	1601	110	1491	...	29	...
101	1180	...	749	80	829	246	583	...	11	...
...	...	...	57	62	119	27	92	...	2	...
7	30	...	1	1	2	1	1	...	...	...
...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
120	545	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12	58	...	72	...	72	21	51	...	1	...
...	...	...	140	12	152	18	134	...	1	...
...	...	...	41	15	56	32	24	...	...	...
...	...	...	4	2	6	2	4	...	...	...
...	...	...	87	...	87	4	83	...	...	...
...	...	...	103	1	104	29	75	...	...	...
1	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	4	...	4	...	4	...	...	...
...	...	...	36	1	37	9	28	...	...	...
...	...	...	21	...	21	4	17	...	...	...
64	50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
236	128	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
85	422	...	478	...	478	102	376	...	2	...
22	39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
21	46	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	107	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
...	...	...	17	3	20	2	18	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
...	...	...	10	7	17	2	15	...	...	...
...	...	...	3	...	3	...	3	...	...	...
...	...	...	11	...	11	...	11	...	...	...
...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...
...	...	...	3	3	6	2	4	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
1180	8554	173	8111	1163	9274	2046	7223	5	509	...

RESULTS.

	SENTENCES.							Cases in which a Second Punishment is added.		Otherwise disposed of.
	15 days and under	TOTAL.	Ref. School.	Whipping.	Fine.	Probation of First Offenders Act.	Recognizances with or without sureties.	Whipping.	Recognizances with or without sureties.	
(A.) Indl										
Simple Lar	26	237	11	...	206	2	25	...	...	...
Larceny fr	...	10	1	...	9	...	1	...	...	...
Larceny by	1	30	1	...	33	...	2	...	...	...
Embezzlem	...	17	...	...	13	...	2	...	...	...
Obtaining	...	11	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Receiving	...	8	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...
Habitual	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
(B.) Othe	27	313	13	...	270	2	30	...	...	2
Adulterati	...	...	...	...	72	...	...	...	...	...
Assaults, A	2	53	...	...	3	...	...	...	16	...
Ditto, on C	3	152	...	...	283	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto, Com	16	198	...	...	457	...	110	...	...	...
Brothel Ke	...	3	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	...
Cruelty to	1	2	...	...	156	...	...	...	...	...
Cruelty to	...	1	...	...	29	...	1	...	...	...
Dogs, Offe	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Elementary	...	...	...	...	2065	...	...	...	...	...
Explosives	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Unlawful	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Offences by	...	...	...	...	242	...	...	...	...	...
Obstructio	...	...	...	...	932	...	...	...	...	...
Locomotiv	...	...	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	...
Bicycles (d	...	...	...	...	27	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent A	...	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent R	...	11	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Drunkenne	16	123	...	...	2941	...	...	...	...	...
Permitting	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...
Habitual	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
Selling Dri	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offe	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...
Sale of Dri	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...
Offences ag	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Intimidati	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Factory A	...	...	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	...
Shop Hou	...	...	...	...	16	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto to F	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offe	1	18	...	...	94	...	...	...	...	...
Army Act	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	157
Navy Act	...	2	16
Offences by	2
By Person	18
Offences ag	1	1	1490
Offences ag	6	33	1730
					92

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RETURN D.—CASES TRIED SUMMARILY.—

(a)—Indictable Offences tried Summarily.

OFFENCES.	Total Con- victed.	Sex of Persons Convicted.	
		Males.	Fe- males.
A. -Indictable Offences tried Summarily.			
Simple Larceny & Offences punishable as Simple Larceny	481	413	68
Larceny from the Person	21	11	10
Larceny by a Servant	66	56	10
Embezzlement	32	31	1
Obtaining Goods, &c., by False Pretences	14	12	2
Receiving Stolen Goods	14	9	5
Habitual Drunkenness	2	1	1
TOTAL	630	533	97
B. -Other Offences tried Summarily.			
Assaults Aggravated	42	38	4
Assaults On Constable	394	336	58
Assaults Common	438	399	39
Brothel Keeping	1	...	1
Cruelty to Animals	1	1	...
Cruelty to or Neglect of Children	2	1	1
Dogs, Offences in relation to	1	1	...
Obstructions and Nuisances	74	73	1
Indecent Advertisements	4	4	...
Indecent Exposure	13	13	...
Drunkenness	2852	2296	556
Habitual Drunkards Purchasing or Obtaining Drink	3	1	2
Malicious Damage Other Offences	72	67	5
Military and Naval Law, Offences against			
Army	5	5	...
Navy	2	2	...
Unlawful Pledging	17	6	11
Borough Bye-Laws, Offences against	1180	1013	167
Neglecting to Maintain Family, &c.	30	30	...
Misbehaviour by Paupers	4	2	2
Offences by Supervisees	16	16	...
Prostitution (Prostitutes soliciting, behaving in a riotous and in-decent manner, &c.)	545	...	545
Railways, Offences in relation to	58	58	...
Stealing Growing Fruit, Plants, Vegetables &c.	8	8	...
Vagrancy Act—Begging	50	46	4
Vagrancy Act—Sleeping out	128	105	23
Vagrancy Act—Gaming, &c.	422	422	...
Vagrancy Act—Found in Inclosed Premises	39	39	...
Vagrancy Act—Frequenting	46	46	...
Vagrancy Act—Other Offences	107	102	5
TOTAL	6554	5130	1424

AGE AND SEX OF OFFENDERS.

(b)—Non-Indictable Offences.

AGE OF PERSONS CONVICTED.															
Under 12 years.		12 to 16.		16 to 21.		21 to 30.		30 to 40.		40 to 50.		50 to 60.		Above 60.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
...	...	38	7	156	16	110	19	57	13	34	10	16	3	2	...
...	...	1	4	1	3	4	2	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	3	2	8	3	15	1	8	3	15	1	6	...	1	...
...	5	...	18	1	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	6	1	...	...	4	...	1	...	...	1	...
...	2	2	1	...	4	...	...	3	2	...	...	...
...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	41	10	175	23	153	26	78	21	56	14	26	3	4	...
...
...	...	2	...	...	...	13	3	7	...	16	1	1	...	1	...
...	...	1	...	58	8	151	24	73	17	38	8	10	...	4	1
...	47	3	142	12	119	13	63	11	20	...	7	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	12	...	50	...	8	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	4	...	4	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	2	...
...	120	28	867	178	717	195	347	103	160	42	85	10
...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	4	...	6	...	24	3	15	2	15	...	2	...	1	...
...	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	3	1	2	6	...	3	...	1	...	...
...	...	11	...	144	30	438	74	252	44	109	14	42	5	17	...
...	5	...	22	...	11	...	2	...	...	...
...	1	2	...	...	1	...	...
...	1	...	7	...	4	...	3	...	1	...	...	...
...	148	...	241	...	115	...	37	...	4	...	...
...	...	12	...	18	...	14	...	7	...	5	...	2	...	...	...
...	...	1	...	4	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	1	...	4	1	4	...	5	...	11	1	11	2	10	...
...	...	10	...	27	3	32	4	11	8	14	5	7	2	4	1
...	...	162	...	224	...	31	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	...	...
...	...	3	...	14	...	9	...	6	...	3	...	4	...	...	...
...	...	2	...	11	...	19	...	10	...	3	...	...	...	1	...
...	14	1	24	1	29	2	19	...	14	1	2	...
...	...	221	...	751	222	1804	541	1276	407	667	184	277	58	134	12

RETURN E.-QUASI-CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.

SUBJECT OF PROCEEDINGS.	ORDERS ENFORCED BY IMPRISONMENT.							Number of Orders made.	
	Number of Applications	Number of Orders made	Total.	TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.					
				Over 6 months.	6 months and over 3.	3 months and over 2.	2 months and over 1.		1 month and over 14 days.	14 days and under.
SURETIES— Order to find Sureties to Keep the Peace or for Good Behaviour	158	92	48	...	...	...	...	...	48
BASTARDY ORDERS— MARRIED WOMEN— Maintenance Orders under the Summary *Jurisdiction (Married Women) Act, 1895	130	117	18	...	...	...	...	18	...
CHILDREN— Order for payment of Maintenance under— Industrial Schools Act, 1866 Reformatory Schools Act, 1866...	249	175	41	...	...	...	...	39	2
	48	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	39	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GOODS UNLAWFULLY DETAINED— Order for Restoration (2 and 3 Vic., cap. 71. Sec. 40)				...	...	...	...	...	75
EMPLOYERS AND WORKMEN— Orders under Employers and Workmen Act, 1875				...	...	...	...	...	91
SCHOOLS— Orders made under the Elementary Education Act, 1876, sec. 11				...	...	...	...	...	108
Orders made under the Elementary Education (Defective and Epileptic Children) Act, 1899 sec. 4 (2)				...	...	...	...	...	1
Orders made under the Industrial Schools Act, 1866, sec. 14				...	...	...	...	...	52
Elementary Education Act, 1876, sec. 12				...	...	...	...	...	5
SANITARY LAW— Orders dealing with Nuisances				...	...	...	...	...	10
Orders prohibiting use of Houses Unfit for Human Habitation				...	...	...	...	...	4
Orders for Destruction of Unsound Meat				...	...	...	...	...	87
DANGEROUS AND NEGLECTED STRUCTURES— Orders relating to...				...	...	...	...	...	28
DOGS— Orders to keep under Control				...	...	...	...	...	1
Orders to Destroy...				...	...	...	...	...	2
PIRATED MUSICAL WORKS— Orders for forfeiture or to destroy (Musical Copyright Act, 1902)				3
POOR LAW— Order for Maintenance of Wife, Family, &c.				25
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SMALL TENEMENTS— Orders for Possession				8
VACCINATION— Orders to Vaccinate...				82
VOLUNTEERS— Orders for Payment of Subscriptions, &c. (Volunteer Acts, 1863 and 1897) ...				...	...	...	...	...	90
				...	...	...	...	...	6

RETURN F.—Number of Crimes (Indictable Offences) Committed, and of Apprehensions in each Month of the Year.

OFFENCE	CRIMES COMMITTED.												APPREHENSIONS.											
	Jan	Feb.	Mar	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Murder	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Murder (of Infants aged one year and under)	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Threats, Conspiracy or Incitement to Murder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manslaughter	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	3	...	...
Wounding and other Acts endangering Life (felonies)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
Endangering Railway Passengers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious wounding and other like offences (Misdemeanors)	1	3	1	3	3	3	2	4	2	1	1	2	1	5	1	3	3	3	1	7	2	2	1	2
Indecency with Males	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Rape	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Defilement of Girls under Thirteen	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Defilement of Girls under Sixteen	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burglary	...	3	2	...	1	3	1	...	2	...	1	2	...	6	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
House-breaking	...	3	5	3	3	3	4	5	9	7	10	3	7	1	3	1	...	2	1	5	3	4	2	3
Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, &c.	...	10	5	9	8	8	10	6	13	5	8	12	7	...	7	4	5	2	3	5	7	2	4	8
Attempts to Break into Houses, Shops, Warehouses, &c.	...	2	2	1	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Entering with intent to commit Felony	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Possession of Housebreaking Tools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny of Horses, Cattle, and Sheep	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Larceny from the Person	2	...	2	8	5	5	1	10	5	2	3	8	3	3	2	4	2	4	...	11	5	4	2	7
Larceny by a Servant	13	11	7	12	11	3	11	8	9	17	10	10	4	9	5	11	9	1	9	4	4	16	7	4
Embezzlement	...	6	3	2	3	4	5	...	3	7	5	2	2	4	2	1	3	4	5	...	2	7	5	2
Larceny of Post Letters	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Simple larceny and other equivalent offences	107	121	109	73	92	82	80	88	108	104	108	111	76	87	76	57	62	53	56	51	84	65	75	80
Obtaining Goods, &c., by false pretences	...	...	3	3	3	3	3	3	...	...	3	6	5	...	3	2	2	3	4	2	...	...	...	3
Falsifying Accounts	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Other Frauds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Receiving stolen goods	...	1	1	2	4	1	1	2	1	4	2	2	1	3	1	3	4	2	1	3	1	4	1	2
Offences in connection with Bankruptcy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Setting Fire to Crops, Plantations, &c.	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Malicious Injuries	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	...
Forgery and Uttering (Felony)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	3	...	...
Uttering or passing Counterfeit Coin	2	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Perjury	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Habitual Drunkenness	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Suicide (attempt to commit)	...	8	5	7	9	10	6	6	9	7	8	7	5	8	5	7	9	10	6	6	9	7	8	7
TOTAL	168	169	146	129	151	125	126	153	161	164	153	168	128	122	105	100	106	88	90	102	121	119	108	121

RETURN G.—PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.

POLICE DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.				DISPOSAL OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.							CONDUCT OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION. (Exclusive of Persons removed to other Districts.)				
	In District at commencement of year.	Entered district during year.		TOTAL.	Supervision expired.	Supervision remitted by Secretary of State.	Removed to other Districts.	Sent to Prison.	Missing and Gazetted.	Left England.	Died.	Under Supervision in District at end of year.	On Indictment.	Summarily only.	Suspected to be living dishonestly but not convicted during the year.	Known or believed to be living honestly.
		From Prison.	From other Districts.													
City of Birmingham	81	116	18	215	49	5	27	32	9	1	—	92	26	6	17	139

RETURN H.-HABITUAL CRIMINALS AT LARGE, HOUSES OF BAD CHARACTER,
POPULATION OF DISTRICT, AND STRENGTH OF POLICE FORCE.

POLICE DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF HABITUAL CRIMINALS AT LARGE.								NUMBER OF HOUSES OF BAD CHARACTER.				Strength of Police Force.	Strength Population of Police District.			
	TOTAL NUMBER.			Thieves.		Receivers.		Other Habitual Criminals.		Houses of Receivers of Stolen Goods.					Houses frequented by Thieves.		
	Total.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Public- Houses.	Beer- Houses.	Other Houses.					
City of Birmingham	281	222	59	162	40	29	13	31	6	16	6	6	15				

TABLES OF STATISTICS, &c.

TABLE I.

TABLE showing the strength of the Police Force (exclusive of additional Constables), the Area of the City in Acres, and the average Acreage to each Constable; the Population of the City in 1908, and the average Population to each Constable.

Strength of Police Force (exclusive of 16 additional Constables)	836
Area in Acres	12,705
Acreage to each Constable	15
Population in 1901	522,182
Population to each Constable	624

TABLE II.
RETURN of authorised POLICE FORCE, and allowances as allowed to
each Rank and Class on the 31st day of December, 1903.

The authorised strength of each Rank on the 31st Dec., 1903.	RANKS AND CLASSES.			Total actual number of each Rank and Class on the 31st Dec., 1903.	Rates and Pay of each Rank and Class, as allowed on the 31st December, 1903.		Allowance for Boots or Clothing when not provided.	
					Rates of Weekly Pay.	Rates of Yearly Pay.	Allow- ance for Boots.	Allow- ance for Plain Clothes, etc.
					£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
1	Chief Constable	...	...	1	.....	800 0 0		
1	Deputy-Chief Constable	...	...	1	.....	300 0 0	.....	£12
1	Chief Clerk	...	...	1	.....	260 0 0		
1	Detective Superintendent	...	...	1	.....	170 0 0		
5	Superintendents	{	...	1	.....	230 0 0	£2 10s. 6d. Annually.	
			...	2	.....	220 0 0		
			...	1	.....	170 0 0		
	Chief Inspectors	...	...	3	.....	150 0 0		
	"	Special Class	...	3	.....	143 0 0		
	"	Long Service Class	...	2	.....	135 4 0		
25	Inspectors	{	1st Class	5	.....	130 0 0	£2 0s. 0d. Annually.	
			2nd "	6	.....	119 12 0		
			3rd "	6	.....	109 4 0		
81	Sergeants	{	1st Class	31	2 0 0	.....	
			2nd "	13	1 19 0	.....	
			3rd "	8	1 17 0	.....	
			4th "	21	1 15 0	.....	
	Constables, 3rd Long Service Class			128	1 13 0	.....	
	"	2nd "	"	79	1 12 0	.....	
	"	1st "	"	79	1 11 0	.....	
725	Constables	{	1st Class	72	1 10 0	.....	7s. 6d. per Quarter.	
			2nd "	49	1 9 0	.....	
			3rd "	76	1 8 0	.....	
			4th "	162	1 7 0	.....	
			5th "	85	1 5 0	.....	
840	Total Force	...	...	836				

The Chief Clerk is allowed £90 per annum, in lieu of House, Coal, and Gas, and £12 in lieu of uniform; Superintendents are allowed House, Rates, Coal, and Gas free of charge; Inspectors in charge of Sub-Divisions or Stations are allowed the same privilege as Superintendents. Non-resident Inspectors receive 6s. a week for rent allowance. Detective Officers are allowed: Detective Superintendent, House, Coal and Gas free, £12 in lieu of uniform, and 3/- per week for incidental expenses; Inspectors £12, Sergeants and Constables £10 annually in lieu of uniform, with an additional allowance to Inspectors of 3s., and Sergeants and Constables 2s. per week for incidental expenses. Reserve Sergeants receive an additional 2/- per week while engaged in office work, and Constables engaged on Point Duty, regulating Street Traffic, are allowed 1/- per week while so employed.

N.B.—There is a Progressive Pay, viz. : Superintendents, a 2, and 2 and 3 years' scale ; Inspectors, a 3 and 4 years' scale from date of promotion ; Sergeants, 3, 3 and 3 years ; Constables on appointment receive 25/- per week ; after 12 months, 27/- per week ; after 3 years, 28/- per week ; after 5 years, 29/- per week ; after 7 years, 30/- per week ; after 9 years, 31/- per week ; after 12 years, 32/- per week ; after 15 years, 33/- per week.

In accordance with the terms of the Merit Class 15 Sergeants are receiving 2/- and 11 1/- per week ; 11 Constables are receiving 2/- per week ; 14 1/- per week ; and 65 -/6 per week.

TABLE III.
RETURN showing how the additional Constables are employed.

By whom appointed.	By whom Paid.	RANKS.				Total.
		Supts.	Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Constables.	
Watch Committee ...	War Department ...	...	...	...	3	3
" ...	Poor Law Guardians ...	"	1	...	"	1
" ...	Markets Committee...	...	...	1	7	8
" ...	Birmingham and Warwick Canal Co.	...	...	...	1	1
" ...	Health Committee ...	...	2	...	...	2
" ...	Water Department ...	...	...	1	...	1
" ...						
	Total ...	...	3	2	11	16

TABLE IV.
RETURN showing the length of Service and certain Ages of the Members of the Actual Strength
of the Police Force for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

RANKS.	PERIODS OF SERVICE.						AGES.	
	Under 5 years.	5 years and under 10 years.	10 years and under 15 years.	15 years and under 20 years.	20 years and under 25 years.	25 years and upwards.	Under 21 years.	Above 60 years.
Chief Constable	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deputy Chief Constable ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	..	...
Chief Clerk ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Superintendents ... ..	...	...	...	1	1	3	...	...
Inspectors ... ..	...	...	5	5	9	6	...	1
Sergeants ... ..	...	...	21	29	17	6	...	...
Constables	291	163	145	61	52	18	...	...
Total	292	163	171	96	79	95	...	1

TABLE V.
 RETURN showing the variations which have taken place in the Force during the Year ended
 31st December, 1903.

RANKS.	Resigned own request.	Resigned on Report.	Super- annuated.	Deceased.	Absconded.	Total Left the Force.	Total Joined the Force.
Chief Constable	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Superintendents	...	...	1	...	...	1	...
Inspectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sergeants	...	...	5	1	...	6	...
Constables	20	30	8	3	...	61	93
TOTALS.	20	30	14	4	...	68	93

TABLE VI.
POLICE ESTABLISHMENT and CHARGES for the Year ended December 31st, 1903, and Four preceding Years.

POPULATION LAST CENSUS	ESTABLISHMENT.										COST OF ESTABLISHMENT.																											
	Chief Constable.	Deputy Chief Constable	Chief Clerk.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Additional Constables.	Detective Officers.	TOTAL.	Salaries and Pay.	Allowances and Contingent Expenses.	Clothing and Accoutrements.	Superannua- tions and Gratuities paid during the year. (Other than those paid out of Super- annuation Fund.)	Horses, Harness, Forage, &c.	Buildings, Station House Charges, Printing, Stationery, &c.	Other Miscellaneous Charges.	Total Cost.	Superannua- tions and Gratuities paid out of Superannua- tion Fund.																			
1903	522,182	1	1	1	5	20	60	707	16	41	852	66,819	0	2	2259	10	3	4,355	10	4	*144	18	0	483	9	10	7,847	17	7	3,094	9	8	85,003	15	10	9,871	3	9
1902	522,182	1	1	1	6	25	80	634	16	23	837	65,168	6	8	1920	5	7	7,151	7	6	†531	14	1	488	1	5	6,657	10	7	3,077	12	5	85,013	16	8	9,995	15	10
1901	522,182	1	1	1	6	18	61	639	16	32	775	60,950	8	2	1758	1	2	6,722	19	6	44	2	0	355	17	2	5,554	0	10	2,787	17	6	78,173	6	4	9,691	6	9
1900	478,113	1	1	1	6	25	71	569	18	26	718	58,358	11	3	1778	13	5	1,987	4	3	33	12	3	358	5	11	5,453	14	8	3,144	1	4	71,114	2	10	9,489	7	3
1899	478,113	1	1	1	7	25	70	570	18	26	718	58,336	18	9	1764	11	10	3,435	4	3	61	17	0	286	8	2	4,311	18	8	4,107	13	2	72,504	11	10	9,846	4	8

† Deficiency on Police Superannuation Fund

* Gratuities

TABLE VII.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons charged with being Drunk, and Drunk and Disorderly; also showing the Number of Persons charged with other offences committed while in a state of Drunkenness, during the years ended 31st December, 1903, and Four preceding years.

OFFENCE.	1903	1902	1901	1900	1899
Drunk, and Drunk and Disorderly	3,179	2,692	3,171	3,135	3,410
Drunkenness, accompanied with other offences ...	3,628	3,046	3,566	3,556	3,937

TABLE VIII.

RETURN showing the number of persons proceeded against summarily for Assaults on the Police during the Years ended 31st December, 1903, and four preceding years.

YEAR.	Number of Persons proceeded against.		Number of Persons convicted.
1903	...	459	435
1902	...	416	392
1901	...	507	470
1900	...	496	469
1899	...	585	557

TABLE IX.

RETURN showing the number of Persons proceeded against for Larceny and other Indictable Offences
triable Summarily for the Years ended 31st December, 1903, and Four preceding Years.

	YEARS.				
	1903	1902	1901	1900	1899
Summary Jurisdiction Act ...	961	1068	949	968	831

TABLE X.
 RETURN of Persons between the ages of 7 and 16 years, who have been apprehended by the Police and taken before the Magistrates, also showing the character of the offence for which they were charged, during the years ended December 31st, 1903, and four preceding years.

AGE AND SEX.																		OFFENCE.											
7		8		9		10		11		12		13		14		15		TOTAL.				Felonv		Misdemeanour.		Drunk- ennes.		Va- grancy.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1903	1	...	2	...	10	...	23	3	34	1	71	8	103	4	149	7	248	10	641	33	230	23	291	4	1	...	129	6	
1902	2	...	3	1	12	...	32	2	54	4	84	...	107	10	123	9	209	12	635	38	272	22	233	6	1	...	114	10	
1901	1	1	6	...	12	1	26	2	37	4	74	5	126	13	210	15	257	23	763	63	225	48	337	1	5	2	146	12	
1900	2	...	4	...	36	1	32	3	67	3	83	6	140	9	226	5	284	12	874	39	310	23	406	5	...	...	153	11
1899	3	1	8	...	13	1	32	2	53	2	82	5	121	2	203	9	296	19	821	42	213	24	433	9	...	...	175	9

TABLE XI.
 RETURN of the Number of Public Houses, Cider Houses, and Refreshment Houses with Wine Licenses;
 also showing the Number proceeded against, the Number Convicted, and the Number deprived of
 Licenses for Misconduct, during the years ended 31st December, 1903, and Four preceding years

	PUBLIC HOUSES.				BEER HOUSES.				CIDER HOUSES ONLY.				REFRESHMENT HOUSES WITH WINE LICENSE.			
	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.
1903	640	8	4	..	*1506	11	9	..	1	..	..	..	16	..	..	..
1902	645	15	10	..	1508	20	16	..	1	..	..	..	16	..	..	..
1901	645	16	5	..	1577	34	16	4	1	..	..	..	15	..	..	..
1900	652	31	17	5	1585	25	12	3	1	..	..	..	15	..	..	..
1899	657	26	17	..	1607	29	23	..	1	..	..	..	15	..	..	..

* Of the 1506 under the head "Beer Houses," 698 are licensed to sell Beer to be consumed on the premises, 170 for Beer and Wine "On," 442 are licensed to sell Beer to be consumed off the premises, and 196 are Dealers and Miscellaneous Licenses licensed to sell Beer, Wine or Spirits.

TABLE XII.

RETURN Showing the Number of Premises registered for the storage of Gunpowder and Mixed Explosives, and the Number of small Fire work Factories and Stores for Mixed Explosives, licensed under the Explosives Act, 1875; also the number of Premises Licensed under the Petroleum Acts, 1871 to 1881, during the year ended December 31st, 1903.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.				PETROLEUM ACTS, 1871 to 1881.		
Number of Premises Registered for the Storage of Gunpowder.	Number of Premises Registered for the Storage of Mixed Explosives.	Stores for Mixed Explosives.	Total Registered.	Number of Places Licensed for the Storage of Petroleum.	Number of Places Licensed for the Storage of Carbide of Calcium.	Total Licensed.
100	1013	2	1115	289	57	346

TABLE XIII.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons summoned under the Explosives Act, 1875, and Petroleum Acts, 1871 to 1881, the Number Convicted, and the total Amount of Fines and Costs inflicted.

	Number of Persons Summoned.	Number of Persons Convicted.	Total Amount of Fines Inflicted.			Total Amount of Costs Paid.		
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Explosives Act	3	3	5	0	0	1	10	6
Petroleum Act	11	11	31	10	0	6	10	6

TABLE XIV.

RETURN showing the amount of Money received for the Registration of Premises for the storage of Gunpowder and Mixed Explosives and the Amount received for Licenses under the Petroleum Acts.

EXPLOSIVES ACT.			PETROLEUM ACTS.		
Amount received for Registration of Premises, &c.			Amount received for Licenses.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
55	15	0	86	10	0

TABLE XV.

RETURN showing the numbers of Hackney Carriages, Hackney Carriage Drivers, the number of whose Licenses have been Revoked or Suspended; and the number of Articles found in the Vehicles during the Year ended 31st December, 1903, and corresponding period of 1902.

YEAR.	HACKNEY CARRIAGES.				HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS.				ARTICLES FOUND.			
	Number of Licensed Hackney Carriages	Number of Proprietors.	Number of Proprietors holding more than one License.	Number of Proprietors holding only one License.	Number of Hackney Carriage Drivers Licensed.	Number of Hackney Carriage Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number whose Licenses have been suspended.	Number of Articles found.	Number of Articles returned to the Owners.	Number given up to Drivers.	Number waiting to be claimed.	
1903 ..	505	131	83	48	735	7	7	740	321	253	166	
1902 ..	512	143	100	43	744	9	15	740	307	254	179	

TABLE XVI.
RETURN showing the numbers of Cars, Drivers, and Conductors Licensed on Tramways; also the numbers of Omnibuses and Brakes, Drivers and Conductors Licensed; the number of whose Licenses have been Revoked or Suspended; and the number of Articles found in Tram Cars, Omnibuses, or Brakes, and brought to the Public Carriage Office, also the number of such Articles given up to Owners or Conductors, and the number waiting to be owned, during the year ended 31st Dec., 1903, and corresponding period of 1902.

YEAR.	TRAM CARS.						OMNIBUSES AND BRAKES.						ARTICLES FOUND.						
	Number of Tram Cars Licensed.	Number of Tram Car Drivers Licensed.	Number of Tram Car Conductors Licensed.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Omnibuses and Brakes Licensed.	Number of Omnibus and Brake Drivers Licensed.	Number of Omnibus and Brake Conductors Licensed.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Articles Found.	Number of Articles Returned to Owners.	Number of Articles given up to Finder.	Number waiting to be Claimed.	
1903 ...	217	382	525	—	—	—	—	224	417	393	1	1	1	—	4319	1862	1483	974	
1902 ...	212	393	550	—	—	—	—	230	456	427	2	1	1	—	3936	1686	1426	824	

TABLE XVII.

Return of the Number of Pedlars' Certificates granted in the Birmingham Police District during the year ended 31st December, 1903.

Number of Certificates granted.	Amount of Money received for Granting Certificates and paid to Borough Fund.		
	£	s.	d.
368	92	0	0

TABLE XVIII.

Return of the Number of Cattle and Vehicles found in the Streets by the Police and impounded by them; also showing how they were disposed of, for the year ended 31st December, 1903, the Amount received, and to what Account paid.

The Number of Cattle or Vehicles found in the Streets.	Number of Cattle or Vehicles restored to owners.	Number of Cattle or Vehicles sold, not being owned.	Paid to Improvement Account			Paid to Superannuation Account.		
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
358	357	1	31	11	6	7	18	6

TABLE XIX.

Return showing the Number of Accidents caused by Steam, Cable, and Electric Trams, Motor, and other Vehicular Traffic in the Streets for the Year ended 31st December, 1903.

Accidents caused by Trams and Motor Vehicles.				Accidents by other Vehicles.	Total.	Proprietors.
Steam.	Cable.	Electric.	Motor.			
44	3	Nil.	19	458	524	City of Birmingham Co. 39 Birmingham & Midland 4 Aston Tram Co. ... 1 City of Birmingham Co. 3 (Cable Trams.) Motor Vehicles ... 19

TABLE XX.

A RETURN showing the number of Premises Found Open by the Police between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., for the twelve months ended December 31st, 1903.

PREMISES FOUND INSECURE.

DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES.	By DOORS BEING LEFT OPEN.	By WINDOWS BEING LEFT OPEN.	By OTHER MEANS.	TOTAL.	INCREASE ON LAST YEAR.	DECREASE ON LAST YEAR.
Shops	1,544	75	14	1,633	58	..
Warehouses, &c.	275	13	2	290	103	..
Factories	493	10	13	516	...	31
Dwelling Houses	1,909	164	33	2,106	205	..
Other Premises not included as above ...	895	9	10	914	73	..
	5,116	271	72	5,459	439	31

Circulars are specially sent to the owners—where caretaker and others responsible have left their premises open inadvertently.

A RETURN of all Inquests held in the City of Birmingham for the Year ended 31st December, 1908, by ISAAC BRADLEY, Esq., His Majesty's Coroner for the City of Birmingham, and by ARTHUR HENRY HEBBERT Esq., his Deputy.

The 311 cases of Accidental Death include 91 cases (43 male and 48 female) of children suffocated while in bed with their parents or others.

In addition to the above Return of 576 Inquests, there have been during the past year 462 Deaths reported to the Coroner by the Police and others, where Inquests have not been deemed necessary. In each of these cases, however, enquiry has been made by Chief Inspector Goelling, the Coroner's Officer, and his Assistants, and the various reports have been submitted by him for the perusal and consideration of the Coroner. Of the 576 Inquests held, 44 were on the bodies of persons whose deaths were due to circumstances which happened outside the City.

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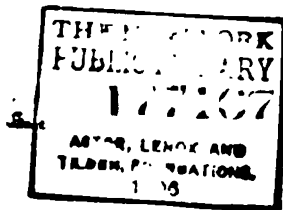
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Ex-Officio.

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Birmingham,
10th February, 1905.

AT A MEETING OF THE WATCH COMMITTEE, held on
the 8th day of February, 1905,

MR. ALDERMAN JARVIS IN THE CHAIR.

The Chief Constable submitted Statistical Returns for the
Year ended 31st December, 1904.

Resolved,

“That the Returns be printed, and that a copy be sent to each
City Magistrate and Member of the Council.”

REPORT.

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S OFFICE,

CORPORATION STREET,

8TH FEBRUARY, 1905.

*To the Chairman and Members
of the Watch Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the Criminal Statistics and other Miscellaneous Returns for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

On the 1st April, 1901, the fixed strength of the Force was increased from 700 to 800 men, and on 1st April, 1902, 1903 and 1904 it was further increased by 20. It now numbers 860. In addition the Force will continue to increase by 20 men every year until a total strength of 920 is reached.

The authorised strength of the Police Force on the 31st December last was 860. There were also 16 additional Constables (who are paid for under the Acts 3 and 4 Vict., cap 88, sec. 19). The actual strength was 859; their nationalities being—730 English, 85 Irish, 34 Welsh, 8 Scotch, 1 German, and 1 Dane; their average height being 5 feet 10½ inches.

During the year 18 (mostly recruits) have resigned at their own request, 25 on report, 20 were superannuated, and 4 died.

Ninety men joined the Force during the year.

Of the 859 effective men, 302 are under five years' service; between five and ten years, 169; between ten and fifteen years, 175; between fifteen and twenty years, 97; between twenty and twenty-five years, 84; and 32 twenty-five years and upwards.

There were 192 members on the Superannuation list on 31st December last, viz., 6 Superintendents, 14 Inspectors, 34 Sergeants, and 138 Constables. In addition to these there are the two children of the late P.C. Snipe, who met with his death in the execution of his duty.

DETECTIVE DEPARTMENT.— This Department consists of 1 Superintendent, 1 Chief Inspector, 5 Inspectors (including 1 Clerk), 13 Sergeants (including 1 Clerk), and 24 Constables (including 4 Clerks). In addition several Constables in plain clothes, in conjunction with Detectives, have been employed at Divisions.

The value of property reported to the Police as having been stolen or fraudulently obtained within the City during the year was £9,558 14s. 10d., of which goods, &c., to the value of £4,045 6s. 8d. were recovered.

The number of Enquiries, Notices, Informations, etc., received from other towns, and requiring attention by the Detective Department, during the year was 8,438.

On referring to Government Table "G" it will be seen that the number of Convicts on License and persons subject to Police Supervision who lived in Birmingham during 1904 is 221. This number includes criminals who have been convicted for almost every class of serious crime. The Detectives have been instrumental in obtaining employment for several of these men, and in many instances those who have been found work have reformed.

**Comparative Return of Chief Offences—Return A—for the
Years 1903 and 1904.**

OFFENCE.	1903.		1904.				REMARKS.
	Total Offences.	Persons Apprehended.	Total Offences.	Persons Apprehended.	Increase of Offences.	Decrease of Offences.	
Murder, Adults...	1	1	2	2	1	—	
Murder, Infants	1	1	—	—	—	1	
Attempts to Murder	—	—	1	1	1	—	
Threats, Conspiracy, or Incite- ment to Murder	—	—	6	6	6	—	
Manslaughter	4	5	3	3	—	1	
Wounding (Misdemeanour)	26	31	14	14	—	12	
Offences against "Criminal Law Amendment Act"	4	4	4	4	—	—	
Burglary and Housebreaking...	77	66	265	63	188	—	
Warehouse Breaking	102	54	309	59	207	—	
Forgery and uttering (Felony)	8	8	9	11	1	—	
Robbery, with violence	3	6	3	7	—	—	
Larceny from the Person	56	47	91	54	35	—	
Larceny by Servants	122	83	103	74	—	19	
Larceny, Simple	1183	822	1749	921	566	—	
Embezzlement	42	36	35	23	—	7	
Receiving	22	26	15	17	—	7	
Obtaining Goods, &c., by False Pretences	34	29	54	51	20	—	
Uttering or possessing Counter- feit Coin	2	2	6	11	4	—	
Attempted Suicides	87	87	86	86	—	1	

MURDER.—Samuel Holden, 32, porter, Coventry Street, charged with the wilful murder of Susan Humphries (with whom he lived), on the 2nd July, 1904. Prisoner stabbed deceased several times, causing her death. He was committed to the Assizes and sentenced to death.

Charles Samuel Dyer, 25, hawker, of Inge Street, charged with the wilful murder of Martha Eliza Simpson, on the 4th February, 1904, with whom he lived. Prisoner, after striking her on the head with a poker, cut her throat with a razor, from the effects of which she died. Prisoner was committed to the Assizes and sentenced to death.

MANSLAUGHTER.—Ernest Lee, aged 16, of Tilton Road, was charged with causing the death of his mother (Sarah Ann), by stabbing her with a file. Lee was committed to the Assizes and discharged.

Annie Mary Osborne, 30, servant, was charged with causing the death of Dorothy Smith, aged 10, and endangering the life of Ethel Smith, aged 12, through culpable negligence whilst bathing them and her sister at the house of her mother, 56, Bath Row. She was discharged, there being no evidence.

John Duggan, age 32, porter, was charged with causing the death of Frank Parsons, by striking him on the head with a bucket. Duggan was discharged

THREATS TO MURDER.—Henry Edward Parry, aged 50, solicitor, charged with writing a letter to a Mr. G. J. Johnson, threatening to kill him; also a postcard threatening to kill Mr. Philip Baker. Parry was committed to the Sessions and sentenced to six months.

INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—The number for 1904 is 2,822, against 1,818 in 1903. There is an increase of offences in 1904—of adult murder, 1; forgery (felony), 1; and larceny (simple), 566.

The decreases for the same period are in the following offences, namely—wounding (misdemeanour), 12; larceny (servant), 19; embezzlement, 7; and receiving, 7; as shown in Comparative Return on page 7.

As will be seen, the total number of Indictable Offences during the year was 2,822, the number of persons proceeded against for these offences being 1,508. The 2,822 crimes were made up as follows.

GOVERNMENT TABLES.

Offences against the Person (these include Murder, Manslaughter, Wounding) and Offences against the Criminal Law Amendment Act	42
Offences against Property with Violence, viz., Burglary, Housebreaking, Shopbreaking, Assaults and Robbery, &c.	616
Offences against Property without Violence, viz., Simple Larceny, Larceny (Person), Larceny (Servant), Embezzlement, &c....	2,055
Malicious Injury to Property	4
Forgery and Offences against the Currency, viz., Forgery, Uttering, Coining, &c. ...	15
Other Offences, viz., Attempted Suicide, &c. ...	90
Total	<hr/> 2,822 <hr/>

The following is a comparative return, for the years 1903 and 1904, of the principal cases dealt with summarily by the Justices:—

Comparative Return of Chief Offences. Persons proceeded against summarily, Tables B and C, for the years 1903 and 1904.

1903.		1904.		
NATURE OF OFFENCE.	Number of persons proceeded against.	Number of persons proceeded against.	Increase.	Decrease.
Aggravated Assaults	56	53	—	3
Assaults on Police	459	417	—	42
Assaults (common)	1112	1038	—	74
Drunkenness	3432	3846	414	—
Wilful Damage	166	134	—	32
Elementary Education Act (not sending Children to School)...	2854	2406	—	448
OTHER OFFENCES.				
Vagrancy Act: Begging	114	195	81	—
Sleeping out	364	361	—	3
Gaming	985	1025	40	—
Found on enclosed premises	61	88	27	—
Keeping Brothels (Criminal Law Amendment Act)	35	36	1	—
Prostitutes				
Town Police Clauses Act	4495	4802	307	—
Borough Bye-Laws				
Local Acts & Bye-Laws				
Highway Acts, viz.:				
Bicycles	1427	1710	283	—
Offences by Owners & Drivers of Carts				
Obstructions and Nuisances...				
Army and Navy Act	190	152	—	38
Hackney Carriages, Offences against	104	83	—	21

The total number of non-indictable offences tried summarily is 18,177, being an increase of 996 on the year 1908. The increase is general, with few exceptions, and the headings under which the greater increase occurs are as follows:—Vagrancy Act, 355; Drunkenness, 457; Highway Acts, 378; and Cruelty to Animals, 129.

The particulars of the Offences tried summarily were made up as follows:—

Assaults	...	...	...	...	1,508
Frequenting	...	...	...	...	100
Brothel Keeping	...	...	...	...	36
Cruelty to Animals	...	...	...	...	328
Prostitution	...	...	...	...	568
Malicious Damage to Property...	...	...	...	...	189
Highway Acts, Offences against, viz.:—Bicycles, Owners and Drivers of Carts, Obstructions and Nuisances	...	...	...	...	1,805
Elementary Education Acts	...	...	...	...	2,406
Local Acts and Bye-laws	...	...	...	...	4,279
Vagrancy Act, Offences against, viz.:—Begging, Sleeping out, Gaming, &c.	...	...	...	...	1,879
Sanitary Laws	...	...	...	...	150
Stage and Hackney Carriage Regulations	...	...	...	...	83
Drunkenness, Permitting Drunkenness, &c.	...	...	...	...	3,919
Army and Navy Acts	...	...	...	...	151
Other Offences	...	...	...	...	781
Total					18,177

The method of procedure was as follows :—

Arrested without Warrant	...	...	...	8,196
Arrested on Warrant issued in first instance	...	...	...	64
Arrested on Warrant issued on failure to appear to Summons	...	...	...	108
Proceeded against by Summons	...	...	...	9,809
Total	...	...	...	<u>18,177</u>

The following was the result of proceedings :—

Convicted	...	...	...	14,481
Charge withdrawn (no prosecution)	...	...	...	1,850
Charge dismissed (no evidence)	...	...	...	702
Discharged under Summary Jurisdiction Act, Section 16 (i.)	...	...	...	1,495
Delivered to Naval and Military Authorities, &c.	...	...	...	140
Committed to Industrial School for not attending School, &c.	...	...	...	9
Total	...	...	...	<u>18,177</u>

LICENSING ACTS.

The following Table, which was presented at the last General Annual Licensing Sessions, shows the offences committed by Licensed Victuallers and Beer Sellers, and the Decisions of the Justices, during the past 12 months ending 5th February, 1905 :—

LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

Drunk on own Licensed Premises	...	...	3
Permitting Drunkenness	...	...	9
Prohibited Hours	...	...	2
Selling Drink to Drunken Persons	...	...	5
Supplying Children under 14 years of age	...	...	1
Supplying Drink to Police when on Duty	...	...	2
Harbouring Prostitutes on his Licensed Premises	...	...	4
Total	...	...	<u>26</u>

DECISIONS.

Fined £10 and costs	...	...	...	1
Fined £5 and costs	...	...	...	2
Fined 20 shillings and costs	...	...	...	3
Fined 10 shillings and costs	...	...	...	4
To pay costs	...	...	...	5
Withdrawn	...	...	...	3
Dismissed	...	...	...	8
Total				26

BEER SELLERS.

Prohibited Houses	...	...	...	2
Permitting Drunkenness	...	...	...	3
Drunk in own House	...	...	...	4
Selling Drink to Child on Premises under 14 years of age	...	...	...	2
Selling Drink to Drunken Persons...	...	...	...	8
Selling Drink to Police when on Duty	...	...	...	2
Selling Intoxicating Liquor to Habitual Drunkards	...	...	...	1
Total				22

DECISIONS.

Fined 40 shillings and costs	...	...	...	1
Fined £1 and costs ..	...	...	...	4
Fined 10 shillings and costs	...	...	...	5
Fined 5 shillings and costs	...	...	...	2
To pay costs	...	...	...	1
Dismissed	...	...	...	8
Withdrawn	...	...	...	1
Total				92

During the years 1903 and 1904, 35 persons have been dealt with under the Licensing Act, 1902, sec. 6, and put upon what is popularly called the "Black List," with the following results:—

Not re-convicted	...	...	...	...	14
Re-convicted once	...	...	...	...	6
Re-convicted twice	...	...	...	...	6
Re-convicted three times	3
Re-convicted four times	4
Re-convicted seven times	2
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					35
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The Royal Victoria Homes at Brentry, near Bristol, for habitual inebriates, were opened in 1899, and since then 2 males and 16 females have been sent from this City and admitted. Each of these has been committed for three years. The Justices periodically visit the Homes, and have expressed themselves thoroughly satisfied with the arrangements.

The following table shows the number admitted each year:—

PATIENTS FROM BIRMINGHAM AT BRENTRY HOMES.

Year ending 31st December.	Number Received from Birmingham.		Number of Birmingham Patients in Homes on 31st December each year.		Number of Birmingham Vacancies on 31st December each year.		REMARKS.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
1899 ..	...	1	...	1	...	14	
1900 ...	...	4	...	4	...	11	
1901 ...	...	5	...	7	...	8	
1902 ...	...	...	...	7	...	8	
1903 ...	1	3	1	7	...	7	
1904 ...	1	3	1	6	...	8	

EDUCATIONAL CLASSES.—During the past year, 105 recruits have been under a course of Police Instruction.

The course of instruction adopted is mainly confined to the many details of police duty.

The responsibilities of the police, when engaged either by day or night duty, are brought clearly before them and carefully explained; as also the methods that should be followed in dealing with the same in a manner conducive to the Prevention of Crime, and the preservation of Public Order. The recruits further receive a thorough preparation in the method of framing properly official reports dealing with the City Bye-laws and general occurrences.

These young constables are under daily instruction for about two months, and subsequently for about eight months periodically. They are afterwards called in for examination, and if successful, are duly appointed and receive class promotion and a certificate.

It is satisfactory to know, as a proof of the efficacy of these classes, that during the past year, a considerable number of these young constables have been rewarded by merit rank, pecuniary awards, and commendations for good police duty.

In addition to the Police Education Classes referred to above, all recruits of under one year's service are required to attend night classes during the winter at Council Schools,—the Education Committee having kindly set apart school rooms at Cromwell Street, Nelson Street, and Highgate Street Schools, in which special classes for policemen alone are held.

INSPECTION OF THEATRES AND MUSIC HALLS.—During the year 1,067 visits of inspection were made by the Police Inspectors to theatres and places licensed for music.

STRAY DOGS.—During the year, 1,188 dogs were removed from the streets, 57 of which were restored to their owners, and 1,131 sent to the Dog's Homes, New Canal Street and Icknield Port Road.

PUBLIC CARRIAGE DEPARTMENT.—There are 970 public vehicles licensed to ply for hire in the City, viz., 484 Hackney Carriages, 228 Stage Carriages, and 258 Tram Cars.

HACKNEY CARRIAGES.—During the year 9 Cabs have been rejected at the monthly inspections as being unfit for further public service, and 15 sets of number plates have been returned by the Proprietors, who did not desire these vehicles to be re-licensed. Three new Cabs have been placed on the streets for public hire, making a total of 484, or 21 less than in 1908. This decrease is no doubt due to bad trade, the introduction of Motor Omnibuses, and an increase in the number of Electric Tram Cars.

STAGE CARRIAGES.—Of the 228 Stage Carriages, 111 are Horse Omnibuses, 12 Motor Omnibuses, and the remaining 105 Char-a-bancs.

During the year, 12 new Motor Buses and 5 new Char-a-bancs have been added to the public service, and 5 Char-a-bancs have been rejected. The licenses of 8 Horse Buses have been allowed to lapse. The net increase in this class of vehicle is 4.

MOTOR OMNIBUSES.—These vehicles are 20 h.p. Milne-Daimler Motors, with a carrying capacity of 36 passengers, viz., 16 inside and 20 outside. Four are plying between the City and Harborne, and 8 on the Hagley Road route.

TRAM CARS.—Of the 258 Tram Cars, 124 are propelled by Electricity, 76 by Steam, 48 by Cable, and 10 are horse vehicles.

During the year, the licenses of 51 Steam Cars have lapsed, the routes on which they were used having been electrified. Ninety-eight new Electric Cars have been licensed to ply on the routes so electrified, the vehicles being up-to-date, and well furnished and fitted. The licenses of 6 open Cable Cars have been allowed to lapse, the Tramway Company having decided not to use this class of car for the present.

DRIVERS AND CONDUCTORS.—There is an increase of 187 in the number of licenses issued to Drivers and Conductors of public vehicles.

The number of licenses is 2,639, made up as follows :—

Hackney Carriage Drivers...	...	...	681
Stage Carriage Drivers ..	...	...	434
Stage Carriage Conductors ...	...	...	416
Tram Drivers...	...	...	518
Tram Conductors ...	...	...	590
Total	...	...	<u>2,639</u>

Comparing these figures with last year, it will be seen that there is a decrease of 54 in the number of Hackney Carriage Drivers' licenses, while the number of licenses issued to men employed as Drivers and Conductors of Stage Carriages and Tram Cars has increased by 241. This large increase is explained by the fact that a number of Tram Drivers at present hold two licenses, one for Steam Traction, and the other for Electric.

During the year 673 additional men have been licensed, viz. :—
18 Stage Carriage Drivers, 42 Hackney Carriage Drivers, 81 Stage Carriage Conductors, 157 Tram Drivers, 309 Tram Conductors, 34 Motor Bus Drivers, and 32 Motor Bus Conductors. In the same period, 486 men have left the service of the various proprietors, and have returned their badges. The total fees received by the Department for the issue of licenses was £899 15s. 0d.

LOST PROPERTY.—During the year, 5,172 articles have been found in public vehicles, and deposited by the Drivers and Conductors at the Lost Property Branch of the Public Carriage Department. This is an increase of 118 articles as compared with my report for the year 1903. The estimated value of the property dealt with is £640.

The following list gives a description of the property left in Public Vehicles :—

Umbrellas	...	...	...	...	1,729
Sticks...	...	...	...	...	101
Purses	...	...	...	...	435

Loose Money ...	...	...	...	...	39
Postal Orders	...	...	...	...	5
Cheques	..	...	...	...	9
Parcels	...	...	...	...	544
Bags ...	...	...	...	...	501
Gloves	...	...	...	...	408
Wearing Apparel	...	...	...	...	862
Boots (pairs) ...	...	...	...	...	55
Books ...	...	...	...	...	329
Pipes and Pouches	...	...	...	...	57
Spectacles	...	...	...	...	104
Opera Glasses	...	...	...	...	8
Watches	...	...	...	...	14
Jewellery	...	...	...	...	166
Tools ...	...	...	...	...	103
Pictures	...	...	...	...	81
Photographic Materials	...	...	...	...	6
Sundries	...	...	...	...	171
Total					5,172

The 485 purses contained coin to the value of £188 5s. 10d., the loose money amounted to £12 12s. 5d., and the postal orders and cheques represented £17 5s. 4d.

Amongst the articles described as sundries were a sewing machine, a pair of handcuffs, a barrel of oysters, a small case of champagne, and several bottles of whisky.

The 5,172 articles were disposed of as follows :—

Restored to owners ...	...	...	...	2,164
Given up to finder ...	...	...	...	1,860
Waiting claimants ...	...	...	...	1,148
Total				5,172

CABMEN'S SHELTERS.—In April last, the Birmingham City Mission handed over to the Watch Committee the whole of the Cabmen's Shelters in the City, which up to that time had been managed and maintained by the Mission, who charged a small sum per week to each Cabman using them. These Shelters, which number 21, are now the property of the Corporation, who supply coal, gas and water, and keep the structures in repair, free of charge.

A special set of Bye-laws has been made to enable the Police to preserve order in the Shelters, and a great improvement in the conduct of the men using the Shelters has taken place.

MOTOR CAR ACT, 1903.—The issue of licenses and registrations under this Act is dealt with at the Public Carriage Department.

During the year, 1,194 licenses were issued to persons over 17 years of age, enabling them to act as either the Driver of a Motor Car or a Motor Cycle, and one license was issued to a youth 15 years of age, restricting him to drive a Motor Cycle only. 1,230 registrations have been issued in respect of 553 Cars and 677 Cycles. During the year, the registrations of 60 Cars and 72 Cycles have been transferred from the original owners to other persons. The entries of registration of 31 Cars and 16 Cycles have been cancelled, and the numbers re-issued in respect of other vehicles.

Thirty-seven General Identification Marks have been allotted to Dealers and Manufacturers whose premises are situate in the City.

The total fees received under this Act, up to December 31st, 1904, were £1,247 10s. Od.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.—There are at present in the Force 814 members who have passed the first examination, and out of this number 668 have passed the second, 333 the third, 251 the revision; and 8 have secured the Nursing Certificates.

The Watch Committee have arranged with the Divisional Surgeons to give an annual course of lectures in Ambulance work to all members of the Police Force. The whole of these classes are then examined by a surgeon specially appointed for the purpose.

A Constable obtains the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd ambulance certificate within three years of his joining the Force, and each year afterwards he attends a revision class, so that he keeps up his knowledge of first aid work, and adds to the efficiency of the Force.

Three members are in possession of medals for saving life, and 13 members hold the Royal Humane Society's Certificate for resuscitation.

During the year 48 certificated members have left the Force.

The amount of work done by the members of the Association in the Force during the year has proved very satisfactory, as 977 cases have been recorded in which first aid has been rendered.

In several cases members have been complimented by doctors and others, and awards made by the Watch Committee for the promptness and skill of various members.

Following are some of the principal cases:—

1.—On the 9th August, Sarah Ford, aged 8 years, fell into the canal and was rescued in an unconscious condition. P.C. D 28 William Lawrence came on the scene, and at once commenced to use artificial respiration, and succeeded after thirty minutes in restoring animation. Lawrence has since been awarded the Royal Humane Society's Certificate for resuscitation.

2.—P.C. 116 D Martin Quigly was awarded by the Watch Committee a guinea for his promptness in arresting the bleeding from a varicose vein in leg of W. Flavel, on 18th April.

3.—On September 19th, P.C. 120 A Frederick Taylor was called to a house in Cromwell Street, and found Mrs. Price in an exhausted condition, bleeding profusely from a large burst varicose vein. With some difficulty Taylor succeeded in stopping the bleeding, and sent for Dr. Campbell, who attended, and stated the Constable had saved the life of Mrs. Price. The Watch Committee awarded Taylor the 1st Stripe of Merit.

4.—P.C. 175 William Draisey found J. Jackson, 84, Digbeth, in an unconscious condition. He at once proceeded to render first aid by applying artificial respiration. After a con-

siderable time Jackson recovered, and Dr. Young, who was called, stated that but for the prompt action of the Police-constable, Jackson would have died.

5.—At 3.15 p.m., October 28, P.C. 60A Fred King was called to 81, Barford Street, and there found that William Franklin had taken poison, viz., hydrochloric acid. The Constable at once administered an antidote consisting of whiting, chalk, and water, also egg and milk, and then conveyed him to the Hospital, where he was kept for about four weeks. King has been awarded the 1st Stripe of Merit by the Watch Committee.

6.—On November 25, a servant girl was found in her bed room at 274, Gillott Road, unconscious from the effects of gas poisoning. P.S. 8 C John Hargreaves was called in and promptly resorted to artificial respiration. It was only after two hours' hard work that the girl recovered. The doctor who attended stated the recovery of the girl was due to the prompt action of Hargreaves, who has been awarded the 1st Stripe of Merit.

The cases treated during the year have been :—

Wounds	562
Fractures	95
Fits (various)	180
Taking Poison	21
Apparently Drowned	4
Burns and Scalds	34
Dislocations	12
Sprains	20
Dog Bites	7
Suffocation by Gas	2
Injuries not classified	40
Total	977

The Horse Ambulance during the year has been used on 267 occasions, viz., 103 for the removal of persons for operations, and 164 for accidents, illness, etc.

In addition to the Horse Ambulance for removing persons in cases of accidents, there are 14 Hand Ambulances, which are kept at the various Police Stations; 10 more new ones, fully equipped with all materials necessary for rendering first aid, will in the course of a few weeks be placed at different Police Stations, etc., to be used in cases of accident, making a total of 24. The new Hand Ambulances, which are to be used in cases of accident only, are made to fit into the Horse Ambulance.

CORONER'S INQUESTS.—It will be observed that there have been during the year 535 Inquests, and the following show the finding of the Juries:—

Murder ...	...	...	...	...	2
Manslaughter ...	...	...	...	...	1
Suicide whilst insane (Males 37)	...	...	...	...	} 53
Suicide whilst insane (Females 16)	...	...	...	...
Accidents ...	...	...	...	...	317
Natural causes ...	...	...	...	...	125
Other causes ...	...	...	...	...	37
Total ...					535

The 317 cases of accidental death include 85 cases of children suffocated while in bed with their parents or others.

LOST CHILDREN.—During the year 1,877 lost children were found by the Police, and 1,871 were restored to their parents or friends, 2 were sent to the City Workhouse, 2 to Marston Green Homes, and 2 to Harborne Homes.

During the past year the number of premises found insecure by the Police was 5,804. Such carelessness tends to greatly increase the number of cases involving dishonesty.

Captain the Hon. C. G. Legge, His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for the Midland Counties, inspected the Force on the 14th and 15th July last, and expressed himself satisfied with its efficiency.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES HAUGHTON RAFTER,

Chief Constable.

INDICTABLE AND NON-INDICTABLE TABLES,
A to H.

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RETURN A.—INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—CRIMES

OFFENCE.	Number of Crimes Committed.	Persons Apprehended.						
		Total Number.			Apprehended.			
		Total.	M.	F.	Without Warrant.	On Warrant Issued.		
						In First Instance.	On Warrant Issued on Failure to appear to Summons.	
Murder of Persons aged above one year	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	...
Murder of Infants aged one year and under	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Attempt to Murder	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...
Threats, Conspiracy, or Incitement to Murder	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...
Manslaughter	6	6	4	2	6	...	...	...
Wounding and other Acts endangering Life	3	3	2	1	3	...	...	...
Endangering Railway Passengers	9	5	5	...	5	...	...	...
Malicious wounding and other like offences (Misdemeanors)	14	14	12	2	14	...	...	...
Abandoning Children under two years	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Procuring Abortion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Concealment of Birth	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...
Unnatural Offences	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...
Indecency with Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rape	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	...
Indecent Assaults on Females	2	2	2	...	1	1	...	...
Burglary	28	17	17	...	17	...	...	...
Housebreaking	237	63	59	4	63	...	...	...
Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, &c.	309	59	55	4	59	...	...	...
Attempts to break into Houses, Shops, Warehouses, &c.	35	4	4	...	4	...	...	...
Entering with Intent to Commit Felony	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Possession of Housebreaking Tools, &c.	4	4	4	...	4	...	...	...
Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob	3	7	7	...	7	...	...	...
Larceny of Horses, Cattle, and Sheep	3	4	4	...	4	...	...	...
Larceny from the Person	91	54	35	19	53	1	...	...
Larceny by a Servant	103	74	62	12	64	10	...	...
Embezzlement	35	23	22	1	9	13	1	...
Larceny of Post Letters	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Simple larceny and minor larcenies	1749	921	838	83	914	5	2	...
Obtaining Goods, &c., by false pretences	54	51	47	4	43	8	...	...
Frauds by Agents, Trustees, Directors, &c.	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...
Other Frauds	4	6	6	...	4	2	...	...
Receiving Stolen Goods	15	17	13	4	17	...	...	...
Arson	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...
Other Malicious Injuries	3	3	3	...	3	...	...	...
Forgery and uttering (Felony)	9	11	10	1	8	3	...	...
Uttering or possessing Counterfeit Coin	6	11	10	1	11	...	...	...
Perjury	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Habitual Drunkenness	4	4	1	3	4	...	...	...
Suicide (attempting to commit)	86	86	44	42	86	...	...	...
TOTAL	2822	1459	1275	184	1412	44	3	...

NOTE.—The number of Larcenies, &c., committed, as stated above, is inclusive of 264 cases where the

COMMITTED.—APPREHENSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Disposal of Persons Apprehended.										Disposal of Persons appearing to Summons.										Persons whose cases were pending at the end of the year.
On withdrawal of Prosecution.	Dis- charged.	Tried Summarily and		Com- mitted for Trial and		Bailed to come up for further Examination when required.	Persons (not apprehended) appearing to Summons.			On withdrawal of Prosecution.	Dis- charged.	Tried Summarily and		Com- mitted for Trial and		Bailed to come up for further Examination when required.				
	On the Evidence.	Discharged (Acquitted).	Convicted.	Sent to Prison.	Released on Bail.		Total	M.	F.		On the Evidence.	Discharged (Acquitted).	Convicted.	Sent to Prison.	Released on Bail.					
...	2		
...	1		
...	4	1		
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property stolen was of less value than 5s., and no person was apprehended or proceeded against.

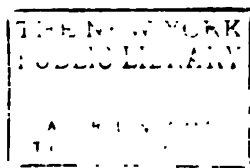
RETURN B.—NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES.

OFFENCES.	Persons Apprehended.				
	Total Number.			Apprehended.	
	M.	F.	Total.	Without Warrant.	On Warrant issued on First Instance.
Adulteration of Food and Drugs	...	...	...	...	...
Aggravated Assaults	36	...	36	35	1
Assaults on Constables	315	64	379	377	2
Common Assaults	440	47	487	446	27
Betting and Gaming	...	...	...	...	...
Brothel Keeping	...	2	2	...	2
Cruelty to Animals	2	...	2	2	...
Cruelty to or Neglect of Children	11	4	15	3	8
Elementary Education Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Explosives, Offences in relation to	...	...	...	...	...
Fishery Laws, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Game Laws, Unlawful Possession of Game, &c.	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Acts, Offences by Owners and Drivers of Carts	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Acts, Obstructions and Nuisances	71	...	71	49	22
Highway Acts, Motor Cars	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Acts, Bicycles	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent Advertisements	4	...	4	4	...
Indecent Exposure	10	...	10	10	...
Drunkenness	2783	832	3615	3602	13
Permitting Drunkenness on Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...
Habitual Drunkards Purchasing or Obtaining Drink	3	4	7	7	...
Selling Drink to or Procuring Drink for Habitual Drunkards	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences against Public Order	...	...	...	...	...
Sale of Drink to Children	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against Closing Regulations	...	...	...	...	...
Labour Laws, Offences against Factory Acts	...	...	...	...	...
Labour Laws, Offences against Shop Acts	...	...	...	...	...
Labour Laws, Offences against Employment of Children Acts	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious Damage to Trees, Shrubs, &c.	10	...	10	10	...
Malicious Damage to Fruit, &c.	2	...	2	2	...
Malicious Damage, Other Offences	105	17	122	119	1
Army Act, Offences against	134	...	134	134	...
Navy Act, Offences against	17	...	17	17	...
Offences by Pawnbrokers	...	...	...	...	...
Unlawful Pledging	9	7	16	12	1
Town Police Clauses Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Borough Bye-laws, Offences against	1029	233	1262	1231	31
Local Acts and Bye-laws, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Poor Law, Neglecting to Maintain Family, &c.	36	3	39	2	37
Poor Law, Misbehaviour by Paupers	16	6	22	22	...
Poor Laws, Stealing or Destroying Workhouse Clothes	3	...	3	3	...
Prevention of Crimes Act, Offences by Supervisors	18	...	18	18	...
Prostitution	...	563	563	563	...
Railways, Offences in relation to	130	5	135	135	...
Revenue Laws, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Law, Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Law, Infections Diseases Acts	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Law, Local Acts and Bye-Laws	...	...	...	...	...
Stage and Hackney Carriage Regulations, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Stealing Animals (not the subject of Larceny at Common Law)	2	...	2	2	...
Stealing Growing Fruit, Plants, Vegetables, &c.	8	...	8	8	...
Tramways Act, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Vaccination Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Vagrancy Acts, Begging	173	22	195	195	...
Vagrancy Act, Sleeping Out	290	71	361	361	...
Vagrancy Act, Gaming, &c.	535	...	535	531	4
Vagrancy Act, Found in Enclosed Premises	87	1	88	88	...
Vagrancy Act, Frequenting	100	...	100	100	...
Vagrancy Act, Living on Prostitute's Earnings	...	...	...	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Other Offences	100	8	108	108	...
Weights and Measures Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...
Infringement of Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...
Purchasing less than 56lbs. of Brass	...	...	...	...	...
Infringement of Solicitors Act	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences, Selling Bread otherwise than by Weight	...	...	...	...	...
Applying False Trade Description	...	...	...	...	...
Infringement of Companies Act	...	...	...	...	...
Withholding Money of Friendly Society	...	...	...	...	...
Marine Store Dealer not keeping Register	...	...	...	...	...
Contravention of Pistol Act (1903)	...	...	...	...	...
Total	6479	1889	8368	8196	108

APPREHENSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Disposal of Persons Apprehended.			Persons dealt with on Summons. (Either on Appearance to Summons or in Absence.)			Cases adjudicated on in Absence of Defendant.			Persons whose cases were pending at the end of the year.
Discharged.	Convicted.	Otherwise Disposed of.	Number.			Disposal.			
			Males.	Females.	Total.	Discharged.	Convicted.	Otherwise Disposed of.	
...	...	...	64	18	82	25	57	...	1
...	36	...	17	...	17	...	17	...	...
24	355	...	32	6	38	9	29	...	...
96	391	...	379	172	551	279	272	...	4
...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...
...	2	...	6	23	34	14	20	...	1
...	2	...	325	1	326	69	257	...	...
2	13	...	78	62	140	47	93	...	...
...	...	...	2060	346	2406	652	1745	9	379
...	...	...	2	3	5	2	3	...	...
...	...	...	3	...	3	...	3	...	...
...	...	...	5	...	5	...	5	...	...
...	...	...	265	1	266	9	257	...	3
6	65	...	1241	101	1342	257	1085	...	10
...	...	...	94	1	95	33	62	...	1
...	...	...	30	1	31	5	26	...	...
1	3	...	9	...	9	5	4	...	...
4	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
339	3276	...	179	52	231	29	202	...	1
...	...	...	23	3	26	12	14	...	...
...	7	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	1
...	...	...	8	1	9	4	5	...	...
...	...	...	14	2	16	6	10	...	...
...	...	...	2	2	4	3	1	...	...
...	...	...	9	1	10	10	...	...	...
...	...	...	33	6	39	13	26	...	...
...	...	...	2	1	3	...	3	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...
...	10	...	2	...	2	2	...	...	...
2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
32	90	...	45	8	53	33	20	...	1
3	8	123	1	...	1	...	1	...	...
...	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	3	...	...	3	...	3	...	...
3	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1672	218	1890	177	1713	...	59
125	1137	...	865	101	966	243	723	...	13
...	...	...	76	85	161	29	132	...	2
4	35	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...
2	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
127	436	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19	116	...	58	1	59	26	33	...	3
...	...	...	131	23	159	26	133	...	...
...	...	...	36	14	50	12	38	...	...
...	...	...	...	2	2	1	1	...	...
...	...	...	98	...	98	13	85	...	3
...	...	...	82	1	83	13	70	...	...
...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	32	...	32	7	25	...	1
...	...	...	16	...	16	2	14	...	...
90	105	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
215	146	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
107	428	...	490	...	490	177	313	...	3
32	56
39	61
...	1	...	1	1
19	89	1	1	...	1
...	19	1	20	...	20
...	10	...	10	2	8
...	3	...	3	...	3
...	2	...	2	1	1
...	1	1	2	...	2
...	3	1	4	2	2
...	1	...	1	...	1
...	6	...	6	2	4
...	1	...	1	1
...	1	...	1	...	1

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RETURN D.—CASES TRIED SUMMARILY.—

(a)—Indictable Offences tried Summarily.

OFFENCES.	Total Con- victed.	Sex of Persons Convicted.	
		Males.	Fe- males.
A.—Indictable Offences tried Summarily.			
Simple Larceny & Offences punishable as Simple Larceny	520	473	47
Larceny from the Person	19	13	6
Larceny by a Servant	57	50	7
Embezzlement	26	25	1
Obtaining Goods, &c., by False Pretences	33	30	3
Receiving Stolen Goods	5	5	...
Endangering Railway Passengers... ..	1	1	...
Habitual Drunkenness	4	1	3
TOTAL	665	598	67
B.—Other Offences tried Summarily.			
Assaults—Aggravated	36	36	...
Assaults—On Constable	355	300	55
Assaults—Common	391	358	33
Brothel Keeping	2	...	2
Cruelty to Animals... ..	2	2	...
Cruelty to or Neglect of Children	13	11	2
Obstructions and Nuisances	65	65	...
Indecent Advertisements	3	3	...
Indecent Exposure	6	6	...
Drunkenness	3276	2619	657
Habitual Drunkards Purchasing or Obtaining Drink	7	4	3
Malicious Damage - To Trees, Shrubs, &c.	10	10	...
Malicious Damage—Other Offences	90	75	15
Military and Naval Law, Offences against—			
Army	8	8	...
Unlawful Pledging	13	5	8
Borough Bye-Laws, Offences against	1137	957	180
Neglecting to Maintain Family, &c.	35	32	3
Misbehaviour by Paupers	20	14	6
Stealing or Destroying Workhouse Clothes	3	3	...
Offences by Supervisees	16	16	...
Prostitution (Prostitutes soliciting, behaving in a riotous and indecent manner, &c.)	436	...	436
Railways, Offences in relation to	116	113	3
Stealing Animals	2	2	...
Stealing Growing Fruit, Plants, Vegetables &c.	8	8	...
Vagrancy Act—Begging	105	97	8
Vagrancy Act—Sleeping out	146	119	27
Vagrancy Act—Gaming, &c.	428	428	...
Vagrancy Act—Found in Inclosed Premises	56	55	1
Vagrancy Act—Frequenting	61	61	...
Vagrancy Act—Other Offences	89	82	7
TOTAL	6935	5489	1446

AGE AND SEX OF OFFENDERS.

(b)—Non-Indictable Offences.

AGE OF PERSONS CONVICTED.															
Under 12 years.		12 to 16.		16 to 21.		21 to 30.		30 to 40.		40 to 50.		50 to 60.		Above 60.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
...	...	53	1	174	15	120	13	68	10	40	7	13	1	5	...
...	5	4	4	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	1	1	9	3	18	1	10	1	11	1	...	...	1	...
...	2	...	13	1	6	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	1	18	2	5	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	54	2	194	23	175	20	92	13	64	8	13	1	6	...
...	1	...	12	...	11	...	10	...	1	...	1	...
...	28	7	160	23	71	15	25	9	10	1	6	...
...	...	1	...	40	1	145	12	91	12	57	8	13	...	11	...
...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	7	...	2	2	2	...	...	...
...	...	7	...	36	...	13	...	8	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	110	15	994	208	880	261	406	132	164	39	65	2
...	2	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	1	...
...	...	9	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	2	...	11	...	26	5	16	5	16	3	1	2	3	...
...	3	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	1	1	...	1	2	1	2	1	1	...	...
...	...	24	1	101	29	375	82	282	54	109	13	47	1	19	...
...	6	2	18	1	7	...	1	...	...	...
...	3	1	1	3	1	2	6	...	3	...
...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	10	...	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	...
...	93	...	198	...	103	...	35	...	7	...	...
...	...	12	...	43	2	26	1	19	...	6	...	4	...	3	...
...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	13	...	15	2	31	2	13	3	23	1
...	...	14	...	54	2	31	6	9	12	2	3	4	4	5	...
...	...	178	...	190	...	48	...	11	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	2	...	31	...	10	...	5	1	2	...	3	...	2	...
...	...	2	...	28	...	19	...	6	...	1	...	2	...	3	...
...	...	1	...	8	2	21	4	24	...	15	1	11	...	2	...
...	...	256	3	694	152	1925	544	1486	472	696	214	285	58	147	3

RETURN E.—QUASI-CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.

SUBJECT OF PROCEEDINGS.	ORDERS ENFORCED BY IMPRISONMENT.						
	Number of Applications	Number of Orders made	Total.	TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.			
				Over 6 months and over 3.	3 months and over 2.	2 months and over 1.	1 month and over 14 days and under.
SURETIES— Order to find Sureties to Keep the Peace or for Good Behaviour	150	97	35	...	...	...	35
BASTARDY ORDERS	144	124	18	...	...	...	...
MARRIED WOMEN— Maintenance Orders under the Summary *Jurisdiction (Married Women) Act, 1895	270	223	57	...	...	1	58
CHILDREN— Order for payment of Maintenance under— Industrial Schools Act, 1866	14	14	...	...	...	...	...
Reformatory Schools Act, 1866	52	24	3	...	...	...	1
GOODS UNLAWFULLY DETAINED—Order for Restoration (2 and 8 Vic., cap. 71. Sec. 40)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GOODS FRAUDULENTLY REMOVED TO AVOID PAYMENT OF RENT—Orders to pay double value (Distress for Rent Act)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
EMPLOYERS AND WORKMEN—Orders under Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
SCHOOLS—Orders made under the Elementary Education Act, 1873, sec. 24 (9) ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Orders made under the Elementary Education (Defective and Epileptic Children) Act, 1899 sec. 4 (2)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Orders made under the Industrial Schools Act, 1866, sec. 14 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Elementary Education Act, 1876, sec. 12 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
CUSTODY OF CHILDREN—Orders under the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Act, 1894, secs. 5, 6 and 9) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
SANITARY LAW—Orders dealing with Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Orders prohibiting use of Houses Unfit for Human Habitation ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Orders for Destruction of Unsound Meat	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dogs—Orders to keep under Control ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Orders to Destroy ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
HABITUALLY DRUNKARDS—Orders for Notices of Conviction. (By Courts of Summary Jurisdiction)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
INDUCENT PHOTOGRAPHS, &c.—Orders to Destroy (Obscene Publications Act, 1857, sec 1) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
PIRATED MUSICAL WORKS—Orders for forfeiture or to destroy (Musical Copyright Act, 1902)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
POOR LAW—Order for Maintenance of Wife, Family, &c. ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
SEPARATION ORDERS—Orders granted to Husbands of Habitual Drunkards (Licensing Act, 1902, sec. 5 (2) ) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
SMALL TENEMENTS—Orders for Possession ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
VACCINATION—Orders to Vaccinate
	71
	2
	82
	116
	2
	50
	9
	6
	262
	19
	8
	2
	2
	35
	2
	4
	7
	8
	42
	71
	37
	2
	57
	116
	1
	50
	9
	6
	2
	242
	19
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	2
	35
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RETURN F.—Number of Crimes (Indictable Offences) Committed, and of Apprehensions in each Month of the Year.

OFFENCE	CRIMES COMMITTED.												APPREHENSIONS.											
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Murder	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Murder (of Infants aged one year and under)
Attempt to Murder	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Threats, Conspiracy or Incitement to Murder	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manslaughter	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wounding and other Acts endangering Life (felonies)
Endangering Railway Passengers	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious wounding and other like offences (Misdemeanors)	...	1	1	2	2	1	2	3	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	2	2	1	2	8	1	1	...	...
Concealment of Birth
Unnatural Offences
Rape
Indecent Assaults on Females
Burglary
Housebreaking	...	22	12	8	21	14	7	12	35	25	27	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, &c.	...	22	32	23	29	24	11	10	27	36	30	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Attempts to Break into Houses, Shops, Warehouses, &c.	...	4	2	2	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Entering with intent to commit Felony
Possession of Housebreaking Tools	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob
Larceny of Horses, Cattle, and Sheep
Larceny from the Person	...	9	7	8	3	9	7	11	6	12	5	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny by a Servant	...	10	7	5	10	11	10	4	10	8	8	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Embezzlement	...	5	4	5	3	5	2	1	3	3	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Simple larceny and other equivalent offences	...	159	144	137	119	183	126	141	153	136	158	169	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Obtaining Goods, &c., by false pretences	...	5	6	4	3	6	4	3	4	4	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Frauds by Agents, Trustees, Directors, &c.
Other Frauds	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Receiving stolen goods
Offences in connection with Bankruptcy
Arson
Other Malicious Injuries
Forgery and Uttering (Felony)
Uttering or possessing Counterfeit Coin	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Perjury
Habitual Drunkenness
Suicide (attempt to commit)	...	5	6	8	7	4	9	11	8	7	4	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	247	231	208	206	218	190	207	262	241	255	285	272	121	148	121	118	142	117	111	144	115	116	106	100

RETURN G.—PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.

POLICE DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.			DISPOSAL OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.								CONDUCT OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION. (Exclusive of Persons removed to other Districts.)				
	In District at commencement of year.	Entered district during year.		TOTAL.	Supervision expired.	Supervision remitted by Secretary of State.	Removed to other Districts.	Sent to Prison.	Missing and Gasetted.	Left England.	Died.	Under Supervision in District at end of year.	On Indictment.	Summarily only.	Suspected to be living dishonestly but not Convicted during the year.	Known or believed to be living honestly.
		From Prison.	From other Districts.													
City of Birmingham ...	92	104	25	221	—	6	45	32	11	—	1	81	22	10	23	121

RETURN H.-HABITUAL CRIMINALS AT LARGE, HOUSES OF BAD CHARACTER,
POPULATION OF DISTRICT, AND STRENGTH OF POLICE FORCE.

POLICE DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF HABITUAL CRIMINALS AT LARGE.								NUMBER OF HOUSES OF BAD CHARACTER.				Strength of Police Force.	Population of Police District.								
	TOTAL NUMBER.				Thieves.		Receivers.		Other Habitual Criminals.		Houses frequented by Thieves.											
	M.		F.		M.		F.		M.		F.				Houses of Stolen Goods.		Public-Houses.		Beer-Houses.		Other Houses.	
	Total.																					
City of Birmingham	307	243	64	185	48	31	12	27	4					40	15	7	4	14	860	522,182		

TABLES OF STATISTICS, &c.

TABLE I.

TABLE showing the strength of the Police Force (exclusive of additional Constables), the Area of the City in Acres, and the average Acreage to each Constable; the Population of the City in 1904, and the average Population to each Constable.

Strength of Police Force (exclusive of 16 additional Constables)	860
Area in Acres	12,705
Acreage to each Constable	15
Population in 1901	522,182
Population to each Constable	607

TABLE II.
RETURN of authorised POLICE FORCE, and allowances as allowed to
each Rank and Class on the 31st day of December, 1904.

The authorised strength of each Rank on the 31st Dec., 1903.	RANKS AND CLASSES.	Total actual number of each Rank and Class on the 31st Dec., 1904.	Rates and Pay of each Rank and Class, as allowed on the 31st December, 1903.		Allowance for Boots or Clothing when not provided.	
			Rates of Weekly Pay.	Rates of Yearly Pay.	Allowance for Boots.	Allowance for Plain Clothes, etc.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
1	Chief Constable	1	.....	800 0 0		
1	Deputy-Chief Constable	1	.....	320 0 0	.....	£12
1	Chief Clerk	1	.....	285 0 0		
1	Detective Superintendent	1	.....	190 0 0		
5	Superintendents {	1	.....	250 0 0	£210s. 6d. Annually.	
		2	.....	240 0 0		
		1	.....	200 0 0		
	Chief Inspectors	3	.....	150 0 0		
25	Inspectors {	Special Class...	4	.....	£20s. 0d. Annually.	
		1st Class ...	8	.....	
		2nd " ...	5	.....	
		3rd " ...	8	.....	
31	Sergeants {	1st Class ...	29	2 0 0		
		2nd " ...	14	1 19 0		
		3rd " ...	10	1 17 0		
		4th " ...	26	1 15 0		
	Constables, 3rd Long Service Class	100	1 13 0	.....	
	" 2nd " "	114	1 12 0	.....	
	" 1st " "	68	1 11 0	.....	
745	Constables {	1st Class ...	75	1 10 0	7s. 6d. per Quarter.	
		2nd " ...	53	1 9 0		
		3rd " ...	113	1 8 0		
		4th " ...	143	1 7 0		
		5th " ...	78	1 5 0		
860	Total Force	859				

N.B.—There is a Progressive Pay, viz.: Superintendents, annual advance from £170 to £250; Inspectors, a 3, 4 and 3 years' scale from date of promotion: Sergeants, 3, 3 and 3 years; Constables on appointment receive 25/- per week; after 12 months, 27/- per week; after 3 years, 28/- per week; after 5 years, 29/- per week; after 7 years, 30/- per week; after 9 years, 31/- per week; after 12 years, 32/- per week; after 15 years, 33/- per week. In accordance with the terms of the Merit Class 14 Sergeants are receiving 2/- and 15 1/- per week; 15 Constables are receiving 2/- per week; 12 1/- per week; and 68 -/6 per week.

TABLE III.
RETURN showing how the additional Constables are employed.

By whom appointed.	By whom Paid.	RANKS.				TOTAL.
		Supts.	Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Constables.	
Watch Committee ...	War Department ...	...	...	...	3	3
" ...	Poor Law Guardians ...	..	1	...	..	1
" ...	Markets Committee...	...	...	1	7	8
" ...	Birmingham and Warwick Canal Co.	...	...	...	1	1
" ...	Health Committee ...	...	2	...	...	2
" ...	Water Department ...	...	...	1	...	1
" ...						
	TOTAL... ..	...	3	2	11	16

TABLE IV.
RETURN showing the length of Service and certain Ages of the Members of the Actual Strength
of the Police Force for the Year ended 31st December, 1904.

RANKS.	PERIODS OF SERVICE.						AGES.	
	Under 5 years.	5 years and under 10 years.	10 years and under 15 years.	15 years and under 20 years.	20 years and under 25 years.	25 years and upwards.	Under 21 years.	Above 60 years.
Chief Constable ... ..	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deputy Chief Constable ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Chief Clerk ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Superintendents ... ..	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...
Inspectors ... ..	...	...	3	6	10	6	...	1
Sergeants ... ..	...	...	19	34	21	7	...	...
Constables	275	174	155	64	55	19	...	...
Total	275	175	177	106	89	37	...	1

TABLE V.
 RETURN showing the variations which have taken place in the Force during the Year ended
 31st December, 1904.

RANKS.	Resigned own request.	Resigned on Report.	Super- annuated.	Deceased.	Absconded.	Total Left the Force.	Total Joined the Force.
Chief Constable
Superintendents
Inspectors	1	...	...	1	...
Sergeants	4	...	...	4	...
Constables	...	25	15	4	...	62	90
TOTALS. ...	18	25	20	4	...	67	90

TABLE VI.
POLICE ESTABLISHMENT and CHARGES for the Year ended December 31st, 1904, and Three preceding Years.

	ESTABLISHMENT.										COST OF ESTABLISHMENT.							Total Cost.	Superannua- tions and Gratuities paid out of Superannua- tion Fund.
	POPULATION LAST CENSUS	Chief Constable.	Deputy Chief Constable.	Chief Clerk.	Superintendent.	Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Additional Constables.	Detective Officers.	TOTAL.	Salaries and Pay.	Allowance and Contingent Expenses.	Clothing and Accoutrements.	Superannua- tions and Gratuities paid during the year. (Other than those paid out of Super- annuation Fund.)	Horses, Harness, Forage, &c.	Buildings, Station House Charges, Printing, Stationery, &c.	Other Miscellaneous Charges.	
												£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1904	522,182	1 1 1	1 1 1	6 25	81 721	16	24	860	73,235 13	4 2439 5 11	7,031 8 11	*44 2 0 +761 0 1	406 2 7	7,038 2 0	3,682 6 5	94,638 1 3	11,659 16 2		
1903	522,182	1 1 1	1 1 1	5 20	60 707	16	41	852	66,819 0	2 2259 10 3	4,355 10 4	*144 18 0	482 9 10	7,847 17 7	3,094 9 8	85,003 15 10	9,871 3 9		
1902	522,182	1 1 1	1 1 1	6 25	80 694	16	23	837	65,168 6	8 1920 5 7	7,151 7 6	+531 14 1 * 18 18 0	488 1 5	6,657 10 7	3,077 12 5	85,013 16 3	9,995 15 10		
1901	522,182	1 1 1	1 1 1	6 18	61 639	16	32	775	60,950 8	2 21758 1 2	6,722 19 6	44 2 0	355 17 2	5,554 0 10	2,787 17 6	78,173 6 4	9,691 6 9		

† Deficiency on Police Superannuation Fund.

* Gratuities.

TABLE VII.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons charged with being Drunk, and Drunk and Disorderly; also showing the Number of Persons charged with other offences committed while in a state of Drunkenness, during the years ended 31st December, 1904, and Four preceding years.

OFFENCE.	1904	1903	1902	1901	1900
Drunk, and Drunk and Disorderly	3,615	3,179	2,692	3,171	3,135
Drunkenness, accompanied with other offences ...	4,011	3,628	3,046	3,566	3,556

TABLE VIII.

RETURN showing the number of persons proceeded against summarily for Assaults on the Police during the Years ended 31st December, 1904, and four preceding years.

YEAR.	Number of Persons proceeded against.	Number of Persons convicted.
1904	417	384
1903	459	435
1902	416	392
1901	507	470
1900	496	469

TABLE IX.

RETURN showing the number of Persons proceeded against for Larceny and other Indictable Offences triable Summarily for the Years ended 31st December, 1904, and Four preceding Years.

	YEARS.				
	1904	1903	1902	1901	1900
Summary Jurisdiction Act	1406	961	1068	949	968

TABLE X.
 RETURN of Persons between the ages of 7 and 16 years, who have been apprehended by the Police and taken before the Magistrates, also showing the character of the offence for which they were charged, during the years ended December 31st, 1904, and four preceding years.

AGE AND SEX.															OFFENCE.														
7		8		9		10		11		12		13		14		15		TOTAL.				Felony		Misdemeanour.		Drunkenness.		Vagrancy.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1904	...	5	...	7	1	28	2	65	3	77	4	108	6	139	11	250	10	680	36	258	22	371	8	2	...	147	13		
1903	1	...	2	1	10	...	23	3	34	1	71	8	107	10	149	7	209	12	641	33	220	23	238	4	1	...	129	6	
1902	2	...	3	...	12	...	32	2	54	4	84	...	126	13	123	9	257	23	625	38	272	22	387	6	5	...	114	10	
1901	1	1	6	...	12	1	26	2	37	4	74	5	140	9	210	15	284	12	763	63	225	48	406	1	...	2	146	12	
1900	2	...	4	...	36	1	32	3	67	3	83	6	121	2	236	5	296	19	874	39	310	23	433	5	...	...	168	11

TABLE XI.

RETURN of the Number of Public Houses, Cider Houses, and Refreshment Houses with Wine Licenses; also showing the Number proceeded against, the Number Convicted, and the Number deprived of Licenses for Misconduct, during the years ended 31st December, 1904, and Four preceding years

	PUBLIC HOUSES.				BEER HOUSES.				CIDER HOUSES ONLY.				REFRESHMENT HOUSES WITH WINE LICENSE.			
	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.
1904	638	26	15	..	1450	22	13	..	1	..	..	..	15	..	..	..
1903	640	8	4	..	*1506	11	9	..	1	..	..	..	16	..	..	..
1902	645	15	10	..	1508	20	16	..	1	..	..	..	16	..	..	..
1901	645	16	5	..	1577	34	16	4	1	..	..	..	15	..	..	..
1900	652	31	17	5	1585	25	12	3	1	..	..	..	15	..	..	..

* Of the 1506 under the head "Beer Houses," 698 are licensed to sell Beer to be consumed on the premises, 170 for Beer and Wine "On," 442 are licensed to sell Beer to be consumed off the premises, and 196 are Dealers and Miscellaneous Licenses licensed to sell Beer, Wine or Spirits.

TABLE XII.

RETURN Showing the Number of Premises registered for the storage of Gunpowder and Mixed Explosives, and the Number of Stores for Mixed Explosives, licensed under the Explosives Act, 1875; also the number of Premises Licensed under the Petroleum Acts, 1871 to 1881, during the year ended December 31st, 1904.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.				PETROLEUM ACTS, 1871 to 1881.		
Number of Premises Registered for the Storage of Gunpowder.	Number of Premises Registered for the Storage of Mixed Explosives.	Stores for Mixed Explosives.	Total Registered.	Number of Places Licensed for the Storage of Petroleum.	Number of Places Licensed for the Storage of Carbide of Calcium.	Total Licensed.
97	970	2	1069	313	73	386

TABLE XIII.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons summoned under the Explosives Act, 1875, and Petroleum Acts, 1871 to 1881, the Number Convicted, and the total Amount of Fines and Costs inflicted.

	Number of Persons Summoned.	Number of Persons Convicted.	Total Amount of Fines Inflicted.			Total Amount of Costs Paid.		
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Explosives Act	3	3	2	0	0	1	4	0
Petroleum Act	10	10	33	0	0	5	4	6

TABLE XIV.

RETURN showing the amount of Money received for the Registration of Premises for the storage of Gunpowder and Mixed Explosives and the Amount received for Licenses under the Petroleum Acts.

EXPLOSIVES ACT.			PETROLEUM ACTS.		
Amount received for Registration of Premises, &c.			Amount received for Licenses.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
53	9	0	96	10	0

TABLE XV.

RETURN showing the numbers of Hackney Carriages, Hackney Carriage Drivers, the number of whose Licenses have been Revoked or Suspended; and the number of Articles found in the Vehicles during the Year ended 31st December, 1904, and corresponding period of 1903.

YEAR.	HACKNEY CARRIAGES.				HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS.			ARTICLES FOUND.			
	Number of Hackney Carriages Licensed.	Number of Proprietors.	Number of Proprietors holding more than one License.	Number of Proprietors holding only one License.	Number of Hackney Carriage Drivers Licensed.	Number of Hackney Carriage Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number whose Licenses have been suspended.	Number of Articles found.	Number of Articles returned to the Owners.	Number given up to Drivers.	Number waiting to be claimed.
1904 ..	484	124	76	48	681	15	13	607	255	227	125
1903 ...	505	131	83	48	735	7	7	740	321	253	166

TABLE XVI.

RETURN showing the numbers of Cars, Drivers, and Conductors Licensed on Tramways; also the numbers of Omnibuses and Brakes, Drivers and Conductors Licensed; the number of whose Licenses have been Revoked or Suspended; and the number of Articles found in Tram Cars, Omnibuses, or Brakes, and brought to the Public Carriage Office, also the number of such Articles given up to Owners or Conductors, and the number waiting to be owned, during the year ended 31st Dec., 1904, and corresponding period of 1903.

YEAR.	TRAM CARS.						OMNIBUSES AND BRAKES.						ARTICLES FOUND.						
	Number of Tram Cars Licensed.	Number of "Tram Car" Drivers Licensed.	Number of Tram Car Conductors Licensed.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Omnibuses and Brakes Licensed.	Number of Omnibuses and Brake Drivers Licensed.	Number of Omnibuses and Brake Conductors Licensed.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Articles Found.	Number of Articles Returned to Owners.	Number of Articles given up to Finder.	Number waiting to be Claimed.	
1904 ..	258	518	590	—	—	—	—	228	434	416	1	3	3	—	4565	1909	1633	1023	
1903 ...	217	392	525	—	—	—	—	224	417	393	2	1	1	—	4319	1862	1483	974	

TABLE XVII.

Return of the Number of Pedlars' Certificates granted in the Birmingham Police District during the year ended 31st December, 1904.

Number of Certificates granted.	Amount of Money received for Granting Certificates and paid to Borough Fund.		
	£	s.	d.
447	111	15	0

TABLE XVIII.

Return of the Number of Cattle and Vehicles found in the Streets by the Police and impounded by them; also showing how they were disposed of, for the year ended 31st December, 1904, the Amount received, and to what Account paid.

The Number of Cattle or Vehicles found in the Streets.	Number of Cattle or Vehicles restored to owners.	Number of Cattle or Vehicles sold, not being owned.	Paid to Improvement Account.			Paid to Superannuation Account.		
			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
310	304	6	29	9	6	9	0	0

TABLE XIX.

Return showing the Number of Accidents caused by Steam, Cable, and Electric Trams, Motor, and other Vehicular Traffic in the Streets for the Year ended 31st December, 1904.

Accidents caused by Trams and Motor Vehicles.				Accidents by other Vehicles.	Total.	Proprietors.
Steam.	Cable.	Electric.	Motor.			
58	13	6	54	573	704	City of Birmingham Co. 58 Birmingham & Midland 19 City of Birmingham Co. 3 (Cable Trams.) City of Birmingham 13 (Electric Trams.) Motor Vehicles ... 54

TABLE XX.

A RETURN showing the number of Premises Found Open by the Police between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., for the twelve months ended December 31st, 1904.

PREMISES FOUND INSECURE.

DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES.			By DOORS BEING LEFT OPEN.	By WINDOWS BEING LEFT OPEN.	By OTHER MEANS.	TOTAL.	INCREASE ON LAST YEAR.	DECREASE (IN LAST YEAR.
Shops	...	...	1,759	80	26	1,865	212	...
Warehouses, &c.	...	...	206	16	9	230	...	60
Factories	...	...	390	38	40	468	...	48
Dwelling Houses	...	...	1,980	141	68	2,189	83	...
Other Premises not included as above	...	...	1,012	11	29	1,052	138	...
			5,347	286	171	5,804	433	108

Circulars are specially sent to the owners—where caretakers and others responsible have left their premises open inadvertently.

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CITY OF BIRMINGHAM,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1905.



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MEMBERS OF THE WATCH COMMITTEE.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR.

Ex-Officio.

COUNCILLOR ARTHUR GODLEE, CHAIRMAN.

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ALDERMAN C. T. BISHOP, J.P.	
COUNCILLOR A. D. BROOKS.	COUNCILLOR A. J. SAYER, J.P.

Birmingham,
24th January, 1906.

AT A MEETING OF THE WATCH COMMITTEE, held on
the 24th day of January, 1906,

MR. COUNCILLOR GODLEE IN THE CHAIR.

The Chief Constable submitted Statistical Returns for the
Year ended 31st December, 1905.

Resolved,

“That the Returns be printed, and that a copy be sent to each
City Magistrate and Member of the Council.”

REPORT.

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S OFFICE,
CORPORATION STREET,
24TH JANUARY, 1906.

*To the Chairman and Members
of the Watch Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the Criminal Statistics and other Miscellaneous Returns for the year ending 31st December, 1905.

On the 1st April, 1901, the fixed strength of the Force was increased from 700 to 800 men, and on 1st April, 1902, 1903, 1904 and 1905 it was further increased by 20. It now numbers 880.

An addition to the Force of 20 men every year is authorised by the Council until a total strength of 920 is reached.

The authorised strength of the Police Force on the 31st December last was 880. There were also 18 additional Constables (who are paid for under the Acts 3 and 4 Vict., cap 88, sec. 19). The actual strength was 879; their nationalities being—754 English, 81 Irish, 36 Welsh, 6 Scotch, 1 German, and 1 Dane; their average height being 5 feet 10½ inches.

During the year 10 (mostly recruits) have resigned at their own request, 14 on report, 28 were superannuated, 4 died, and 3 received gratuities.

74 men joined the Force during the year.

Of the 879 effective men, 338 are under five years' service; between five and ten years, 180; between ten and fifteen years, 166; between fifteen and twenty years, 98; between twenty and twenty-five years, 73; and 24 twenty-five years and upwards.

There were 203 members on the Superannuation list on 31st December last, viz., 6 Superintendents, 15 Inspectors, 35 Sergeants, and 147 Constables. In addition to these there are the

two children of the late P.C. Snipe, who met with his death in the execution of his duty.

DETECTIVE DEPARTMENT. — This Department consists of 1 Superintendent, 1 Chief Inspector, 5 Inspectors (including 1 Clerk), 13 Sergeants (including 1 Clerk), and 24 Constables (including 4 Clerks). In addition several Constables in plain clothes have been employed at Divisions.

The value of property reported to the Police as having been stolen or fraudulently obtained within the City during the year was £17,334 0s. 5d.

Included in this total is £10,000, the reported value of precious stones stolen from a diamond merchant who was visiting this City on March 14th, 1905, who had been followed by thieves from London who were waiting their opportunity.

Whilst the merchant was making a purchase in a chemist's shop, the thieves entered and substituted a bag of similar appearance for that in which he carried his diamonds, and which he had put down for a moment on a chair in the shop. The thieves had decamped by the next train for London, before the matter was reported to the Birmingham Police.

A portion of the stolen property, valued at about £300, was subsequently recovered and restored to its owner.

Exclusive of this robbery, and of the amount recovered in it, the amount of property stolen during the year was £7,334 0s. 5d., of which £3,256 11s. 6d. was recovered, being 44 per cent.

The number of Enquiries, Notices, Informations, etc., received from other towns, and requiring attention by the Detective Department, during the year was 8,524.

Property valued at £397 5s. was recovered for other Forces by the Detective Department.

On referring to Government Table "G" it will be seen that the number of Convicts on License and persons subject to Police Supervision who lived in Birmingham during 1905 is 238. This number includes criminals who have been convicted for almost every class of serious crime. The Detectives have been instrumental in obtaining employment for several of these men, and in many instances those who have been found work have reformed.

**Comparative Return of Chief Offences—Return A—for the
Years 1904 and 1905.**

OFFENCE	1904.		1905.				REMARKS.
	Total Offences.	Persons Apprehended.	Total Offences.	Persons Apprehended.	Increase of Offences.	Decrease of Offences.	
Murder, Adults...	2	2	3	3	1	—	
Attempts to Murder ...	1	1	1	1	—	—	
Manslaughter ...	3	3	4	4	1	—	
Wounding (Misdemeanour) ...	14	14	20	27	6	—	
Offences against "Criminal Law Amendment Act" ...	4	4	6	6	2	—	
Burglary and Housebreaking...	265	*80	170	65	—	95	
Warehouse Breaking ...	309	59	158	56	—	151	
Forgery and uttering (Felony)	9	11	4	4	—	5	
Robbery, with violence ...	3	7	7	8	4	—	
Larceny from the Person	91	54	72	55	—	19	
Larceny by Servants ...	103	74	88	66	—	15	
Larceny, Simple ...	1749	921	1514	853	—	235	
Embezzlement ...	35	23	34	34	—	1	
Receiving ...	15	17	17	20	2	—	
Obtaining Goods, &c., by False Pretences ...	54	51	36	36	—	18	
Uttering or possessing Counterfeit Coin ...	6	11	4	4	—	2	
Attempted Suicides ...	86	86	65	65	—	21	

* This number was printed as 63 in error in last Annual Report.

MURDER.—William Lacy (dealer), age 24, was charged with the wilful murder of Frederick Edward Timbrell, on the 5th October, 1905. Prisoner shot deceased with a revolver, causing his death. He was committed to the Assizes, where the charge was reduced to Manslaughter, and he was then sentenced to seven years' penal servitude.

Richard Purslow, labourer, age 29, was charged with the wilful murder of his wife (Maria) and child (Cissie) and also attempted suicide on the 19th November, 1905. This man was unfit to plead, being certified insane, and was consequently sent to an asylum.

Mary Ann Tees, married, age 27, 3 court, 2 house, Princip Street, was charged with the wilful murder of her daughter Annie Elizabeth Tees, by throwing her into the canal, and also attempting to commit suicide. She was committed to the Assizes, where the charge was reduced to manslaughter. She was then sentenced to twelve years' penal servitude.

MANSLAUGHTER.—Samuel Walter Newcombe, stripcaster, age 52, was charged with causing the death of his wife (Elizabeth Newcombe) by kicking her, on the 17th November, 1905. He was committed to the Assizes and sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment.

Thomas Hussey, 70 Staniforth Street, labourer, age 46, was charged with causing the death of Richmond Harford on the 5th June, 1905, by striking him. He was committed to the Assizes and acquitted.

John Slatterthwaite, age 22, brassdresser, was charged with causing the death of Charles Pittam, on the 5th August, 1905, but was discharged on account of insufficient evidence.

George Hollier, age 28, toolmaker, was charged with causing the death of his father, George Hollier, by striking him with a poker on the 16th November, 1905, but on account of insufficient evidence was discharged.

INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—The number for 1905 is 2,256, against 2,822 in 1904. There is an increase of offences in 1905—of adult murder, 1; manslaughter, 1; wounding (misdemeanour), 6; offences against Criminal Law Amendment Act, 2; robbery with violence, 4; receiving, 2. The decreases for the same period are in the following offences, namely—burglary and housebreaking, 95; warehouse breaking, 151; forgery (felony), 5; larceny from the person, 19; larceny (servant), 15; larceny (simple), 295; embezzlement, 1; obtaining goods by false pretences, 18; uttering or possessing counterfeit coin, 2; attempted suicide, 21.

As will be seen the total number of Indictable Offences was 2,256, the number of persons proceeded against for these offences being 1,360. The 2,256 crimes are made up as follows.

GOVERNMENT TABLES.

Offences against the Person (these include Murder, Manslaughter, Wounding) and Offences against the Criminal Law Amendment Act	44
Offences against Property with Violence, viz., Burglary, Housebreaking, Shopbreaking, Assaults and Robbery, &c.	853
Offences against Property without Violence, viz., Simple Larceny, Larceny (Person), Larceny (Servant), Embezzlement, &c....	1,776
Malicious Injury to Property	1
Forgery and Offences against the Currency, viz., Forgery, Uttering, Coining, &c. ...	8
Other Offences, viz., Attempted Suicide, &c. ...	74
Total	<hr/> 2,256 <hr/>

The following is a comparative return, for the years 1904 and 1905, of the principal cases dealt with summarily by the Justices:—

Comparative Return of Chief Offences. Persons proceeded against Summarily, Tables B and C, for the years 1904 and 1905.

1904.			1905.		
NATURE OF OFFENCE.	Number of persons proceeded against.	Number of persons proceeded against.	Increase.	Decrease.	
Aggravated Assaults	53	36	—	17	
Assaults on Police	417	487	70	—	
Assaults (common)	1038	958	—	80	
Drunkenness	3846	3630	—	216	
Elementary Education Act (not sending Children to School)...	2406	2361	—	45	
OTHER OFFENCES.					
Vagrancy Act: Begging	195	174	—	21	
Sleeping out	361	361	—	—	
Gaming	1025	809	—	216	
Found on enclosed premises	88	44	--	44	
Keeping Brothels (Criminal Law Amendment Act)	36	52	16	—	
Prostitutes	563	361	—	202	
Town Police Clauses Act	4802	3906	—	896	
Borough Bye-Laws					
Local Acts & Bye-Laws					
Highway Acts, viz. :					
Bicycles	1710	1256	—	454	
Offences by Owners & Drivers of Carts					
Obstructions and Nuisances...					
Army and Navy Act	152	97	—	55	
Hackney Carriages, Offences against	83	64	—	19	

The total number of non-indictable offences tried summarily is 16,524.

The particulars of the Offences tried summarily were made up as follows :—

Assaults	...	...	...	...	1,481
Frequenting	...	...	...	...	67
Brothel Keeping	...	...	...	...	52
Cruelty to Animals	...	...	...	...	429
Prostitution	...	...	...	...	361
Malicious Damage to Property...	...	...	...	...	190
Highway Acts, Offences against, viz. :—Bicycles, Owners and Drivers of Carts, Obstructions and Nuisances, including Motor Cars	...	...	...	...	1,256
Elementary Education Acts	...	...	...	...	2,361
Local Acts and Bye-laws	...	...	...	...	3,906
Vagrancy Act, Offences against, viz. :—Begging, Sleeping out, Gaming, &c.	...	...	...	...	1,344
Sanitary Laws	...	...	...	...	141
Stage and Hackney Carriage Regulations	...	...	...	...	64
Drunkenness, Permitting Drunkenness, &c.	...	...	...	...	3,669
Army and Navy Acts	...	...	...	...	97
Other Offences	...	...	...	...	1,106
Total					16,524

The method of procedure was as follows :—

Arrested without Warrant	...	...	...	7,280
Arrested on Warrant issued in first instance	...	...	...	53
Arrested on Warrant issued on failure to appear to Summons	...	...	...	109
Proceeded against by Summons	...	...	...	9,082
Total	...	...	...	<u>16,524</u>

The following was the result of proceedings :—

Convicted	...	...	...	12,581
Charge withdrawn (no prosecution)	...	...	...	1,696
Charge dismissed (no evidence)	...	...	...	719
Discharged under Summary Jurisdiction Act, Section 16 (i.)	...	...	...	1,484
Delivered to Naval and Military Authorities, &c.	...	...	...	85
Committed to Industrial School for not attending School, &c.	...	...	...	9
Total	...	...	...	<u>16,524</u>

LICENSING ACTS.

The following Table, which was presented at the last General Annual Licensing Sessions, shows the offences committed by Licensed Victuallers and Beer Sellers, and the Decisions of the Justices, during the past 12 months ending 8th February, 1906 :—

LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

Allowing Licensed Premises to be used for Betting, etc.	...	...	...	10
Drunk on own Licensed Premises	...	...	...	1
Permitting Riotous Conduct on Licensed Premises	...	...	...	10
Selling Drink to Drunken Persons	...	...	...	1
Permitting singing to take place without a Licence	...	...	...	8
Total	...	...	...	<u>25</u>

DECISIONS.

Fined £10 and costs	...	...	...	1
Fined £5 and costs	...	...	...	1
Fine 10 shillings and costs	...	...	...	1
Withdrawn	...	...	...	9
Dismissed	...	...	...	13
Total	...	...	...	<u>25</u>

BEER SELLERS.

Selling Drink without a License	...	...	...	4
Permitting Drunkenness	...	...	...	2
Selling Drink to Child, on Premises, under 14 years of age	...	...	...	2
Selling Drink during Prohibited Hours	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	<u>9</u>

DECISIONS.

To pay costs	...	...	...	...	1
Dismissed	...	...	...	...	7
Withdrawn	...	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	...	<u>9</u>

During the year 1905, 2 persons have been dealt with under the Licensing Act, 1902, sec. 6, and put upon what is popularly called the "Black List," with the following results:—

Not re-convicted	...	...	...	...	1
Re-convicted three times	...	...	...	...	1
					<u>2</u>

The total number dealt with under section 6 of the Licensing Act, 1902, during the year 1903, 1904, and 1905, is 87, and of these the following have been subsequently dealt with for drunkenness:—

Re-convicted once	...	...	...	6
Re-convicted twice	...	...	...	6
Re-convicted three times	...	...	...	6
Re-convicted four times	...	...	...	4
Re-convicted five times	...	...	...	2
Re-convicted eight times	...	...	...	2
Re-convicted nine times	...	..	...	1
Re-convicted ten times	...	...	...	1
				—
				28
Not re-convicted	...	...	...	9
				—
				87
				—

The Royal Victoria Homes at Brentry, near Bristol, for habitual inebriates, were opened in 1899; and since then 3 males and 24 females have been sent from this City and admitted. One of these has been committed for 18 months, and the others for three years. The Justices periodically visit the Homes, and have expressed themselves thoroughly satisfied with the arrangements.

The following table shows the number admitted each year:—

PATIENTS FROM BIRMINGHAM AT BRENTRY HOMES.

Year ending 31st December.	Number Received from Birmingham.		Number of Birmingham Patients in Homes on 31st December each year.		Number of Birmingham Vacancies on 31st December each year.		REMARKS.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
1899 ...	...	1	...	1	...	14	
1900 ...	...	4	...	4	...	11	
1901 ...	...	5	...	7	...	8	
1902 ...	...	...	...	7	...	8	
1903 ...	1	3	1	7	...	7	
1904 ...	1	3	1	6	...	8	
1905 ...	1	8	2	14	...	Nil	

EDUCATIONAL CLASSES.—During the past year, 86 recruits have been under instruction at the Police School.

Five hundred and one classes have been held, the course of instruction being mainly confined to the explanation of the various details of police routine, special attention being given to the formation of official reports, and the proper manner of conducting cases and giving evidence, with the object of facilitating the heavy work of the Courts.

A pleasing result is the fact that several constables of but a few months' service have received merit stripes and commendations. One of them was highly complimented by the Recorder and the Justices for the able manner in which he presented and gave evidence in an important case of felony.

It may be stated, the Education Committee have set apart school rooms at Cromwell Street, Nelson Street, and Highgate Street Schools, in which special classes for policemen alone are held; and all recruits under one year's service are required to avail themselves of the night classes during the winter at the Council Schools.

INSPECTION OF THEATRES AND MUSIC HALLS.—During the year 1,340 visits of inspection were made by the Police Inspectors to theatres and places licensed for music.

STRAY DOGS.—During the year, 1,154 dogs were removed from the streets, 25 of which were restored to their owners, and 1,129 sent to the Dogs' Homes, New Canal Street and Icknield Port Road.

PUBLIC CARRIAGE DEPARTMENT.—There are 994 public vehicles licensed to ply for hire in the City, viz., 446 Hackney Carriages, 223 Stage Carriages, and 313 Tram Cars.

HACKNEY CARRIAGES.—An inspection of Hackney Carriages has been made each month throughout the year; with the result that 22 Cabs have been rejected as being unfit for further public service; and 26 sets of number plates have been returned by Proprietors, who were unable to see their way to expend money in carrying

out the requirements of the Expert. Ten new Cabs have been submitted for licenses during the year, making a total of 446, or a decrease of 38 as compared with last year's return. This steady decrease is no doubt due to bad trade, the use of the telephone, and the increased facilities for cheap travelling provided by Motor Omnibuses, and Electric Tram Cars.

STAGE CARRIAGES.—The 233 Stage Carriages are made up as follows:—Horse Omnibuses, 109; Motor Omnibuses, 19; Char-a-bancs, 105. All these vehicles have undergone inspection during the year with the result that 3 have been rejected as being unfit to ply for hire. Three new Char-a-bancs have been added to the public service; and the licenses of 2 Horse Omnibuses have been allowed to lapse.

MOTOR OMNIBUSES.—There is an increase of 7 in the number of this class of public vehicle. The service now consists of 13 Milnes-Daimler Omnibuses, 5 Durkopp's and 1 Wolseley; and the average is about 21 h.p.

The whole of these vehicles are plying on the Hagley Road route; and, owing to irregular manner in which the service has been conducted, it has been found expedient to issue temporary licenses for three months, instead of for a period of one year as in the case of other vehicles. There is room for a great deal of improvement in this class of public vehicle, especially as regards noisy machinery and the escape of oil and grease on to the carriageway.

TRAM CARS.—The 313 Tram Cars may be classified as follows:—184 Electric Cars, 75 Steam Cars, 44 Cable Cars, and 10 horse Cars.

During the year, 60 additional Electric Cars have been licensed; and, although the return only shows a decrease of one Steam Car, the actual decrease is considerably more; as, since the Small Heath route has been electrified, the Steam Cars have not been used on that route, although licensed to ply for hire up to 31st December last.

DRIVERS AND CONDUCTORS.—2,752 men hold licenses enabling them to act as the Drivers and Conductors of public vehicles.

This number is made up as follows:—

Hackney Carriage Drivers...	...	...	676
Stage Carriage Drivers ..	...	...	421
Stage Carriage Conductors ...	...	...	372
Tram Drivers...	...	...	591
Tram Conductors ...	...	...	692
Total	...	...	<u>2,752</u>

These figures show decreases of 5 in the number of Hackney Carriage Drivers, 13 in Stage Carriage Driver, and 44 in Stage Carriage Conductors; whilst there is an increase of 73 in Tram Drivers, and 102 in Tram Conductors. The net increase of all classes of men holding licenses is 113.

During the year 560 additional men have been licensed, viz.:— 33 Hackney Carriage Drivers, 24 Stage Carriage Drivers, 67 Stage Carriage Conductors, 140 Tram Drivers, 243 Tram Conductors, 34 Motor Omnibus Drivers. 447 men have returned their badges to the Public Carriage Office, having ceased to exercise their calling as Drivers or Conductors.

FEES.—The total amount received by the Department for fees during the year was £429 3s. 0d.

LOST PROPERTY.—There is an increase of 97 in the number of articles dealt with by the Lost Property Branch of the Public Carriage Department. 5,269 articles have been found by Drivers and Conductors in their vehicles, and deposited at the Lost Property Office. The estimated value of the property dealt with is £711 4s. 6d.

The 5269 articles consisted of the following:—

Umbrellas	...	...	...	...	...	1,840
Sticks	...	...	...	...	...	71
Purses	...	...	...	...	...	424
Loose Money (Lots)	...	..	...	...	...	24
Post Office Orders	...	...	...	...	...	3
Cheques	..	...	...	...	...	5
Bank Note	...	...	...	...	...	1
Parcels	...	...	...	...	...	591
Bags	...	...	...	...	...	476
Gloves (pairs)	...	...	...	...	...	329
Ditto (odd)	...	...	...	...	..	11
Articles of Wearing Apparel	...	...	...	...	...	308
Boots (pairs)	...	...	...	...	...	20
Ditto (odd)	...	...	...	...	...	3
Books	...	...	...	...	...	309
Pipes	...	...	...	...	..	30
Tobacco Pouches	...	...	...	...	...	29
Spectacles (pairs)	...	...	...	...	...	117
Opera Glasses (pairs)	...	...	...	...	...	5
Watches	...	...	...	...	...	12
Articles of Jewellery	...	...	...	...	...	164
Tools	...	...	...	...	...	81
Pictures	...	...	...	...	...	20
Photographic Materials	...	...	...	...	...	7
Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	389
Total						5,269

The sundries include hams, game, sausages, telephone instruments, a sewing machine, and false teeth.

The total amount of loose money was £10 2s. 3d., the face value of the cheques, postal orders and bank notes was £230 4s. 6d., and the 424 purses contained coin to the value of £132 11s. 9½d.

The following table shows how the 5,269 articles have been disposed of:—

Restored to owners	2,805
Given up to finder	1,688
Waiting claimants	1,281
Total	<u>5,269</u>

CABMEN'S SHELTERS.—There are 21 Cabmen's Shelters in the City, the property of the Corporation. These are maintained by the Watch Committee and are visited daily by the Police attached to the Public Carriage Department. Only two cases against the Bye-laws governing the use of these shelters have been reported during the year, which speaks well for the conduct of the men using them.

MOTOR CAR ACT, 1903.—The licenses and registrations under this Act are issued at the Public Carriage Office.

The total number of Motor vehicles registered up to December 31st, 1905, was 1832, viz:—843 Cars and 989 Cycles. Of these, 200 cars and 312 cycles were registered during the year 1905. During the same period the registrations of 125 Cars and 175 Cycles have been transferred from the original owners to other persons; and the entries of registration of 41 Cars and 34 Cycles have been cancelled, the numbers being re-issued for other vehicles.

Twenty-six General Identification Marks have been allotted to Dealers and Manufacturers whose premises are situate within the City. Of these 19 are renewals and 7 new registrations. This is a decrease of 11 registrations as compared with last Report.

£885 13s. 0d. was received in respect of registration and licensing fees during the year, and the total amount paid into the Borough Fund and Rate Account since the Act of 1903 came into force is £2,116 17s. 0d

EXPLOSIVES AND PETROLEUM DEPARTMENT.—During the year there have been 33 additional premises licensed under the Explosives and Petroleum Acts.

The number of premises now licensed and brought under the supervision of the Chief Inspector and his Assistant is 1,489, as against 1,455 last year.

Regulations were made by the Secretary of State, dated March 18th, 1903, as to the keeping and using petroleum (spirit), which exempt the owner of light locomotives from taking out a license, provided the said regulations are complied with.

There are in this City no less than 862 private premises where light locomotives are kept, and petroleum (spirit) stored.

Each person has been supplied with a copy of the regulations; and subsequent visits have, in each case, been paid by the Chief Inspector and his Assistant to ascertain that the regulations are being observed.

By a further Order in Council, dated October 24th, 1904, and under conditions there laid down, Carbide of Calcium may now be kept up to 28 lbs. in weight without a license. Cycle dealers and others have taken advantage of this Order; and their premises have therefore now to be inspected by the officers of this department.

CORONER'S INQUESTS.—It will be observed that there have been during the year 510 Inquests, and the following show the finding of the Juries:—

Murder ...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Manslaughter ...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Suicide ...	...	...	...	...	...	52
Accidents ...	...	...	...	...	...	291
Natural causes ...	...	...	...	...	...	127
Other causes ...	...	...	...	...	...	80
Total ...						<u>510</u>

LOST CHILDREN.—During the year 1,337 lost children were found by the Police; and 1,333 were restored to their parents or friends; 2 were sent to the City Workhouse, 1 to Marston Green Homes, and 1 to Dr. Barnado's Homes.

CHILDREN TRADING IN STREET.—On the 26th January, 1905, the Bye-laws and Regulations made under the provisions of the Employment of Children Act, 1903, relating to street trading by children were put in force.

Two sorts of badges were issued, a red one for children attending school and trading out of school hours, and a black one for those exempt from school attendance.

During the year 1905, 3,060 children were licensed, as follows:—

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTALS.
Non-exempt	2,161	193	2,354
Exempt	635	71	706
	2,796	264	3,060

In the same period 621 badges and licenses were returned, viz.:—

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTALS.
Non-exempt	448	23	471
Exempt	140	10	150
	588	33	621

The following reasons were given for the return of badges:—

	MALES.		FEMALES.	
	Exempt.	Non-exempt.	Exempt.	Non-exempt.
Employment	78	229	3	6
Over 16	38	—	7	—
Not required	12	200	—	15
Left City	2	6	—	1
Industrial School	—	12	—	—
Blue Coat School	—	1	—	—
Middlemore's Homes	1	3	—	—
Dr. Barnado's Homes	1	—	—	—
Catholic Homes	—	—	1	—
Reformatory School	2	—	—	—
Lichfield Truant School	—	1	—	—
Ill Health	—	2	—	—
TOTAL	134	454	11	22

On the 31st December, 1905, the following number of children remained registered as licensed to trade in the streets :—

	Boys.	GIRLS.	TOTALS.
Non-exempt ...	1,713	170	1,883
Exempt ...	495	61	556
	2,208	231	2,439

The Watch Committee have dealt with 279 cases where children had committed breaches of the rules of their licenses ; and although five badges were suspended for a time, not one has been revoked.

In very bad cases, and cases of repeated offences against the bye-laws, or where it has been found that the cause of the children's delinquencies has been the want of care on the part of their parents or guardians, the latter have been summoned to appear before the Justices.

The number of persons summoned was 36 ; out of which 21 were fined ; the fines ranging from 2s. 6d. to 40s. and costs. The remaining 15 were discharged with a caution.

Two employers of children licensed to trade in the streets have been proceeded against for employing them to trade on Sundays ; and in each case a fine was imposed.

In addition to proceedings against parents or guardians and employers of street trading children, 28 licensed boys were brought before the Justices for committing various felonies and other offences, such as sleeping out, etc., which were withdrawn, and a charge of not being under proper guardianship substituted ; 11 were sent to Industrial Schools, 2 to Reformatories, and 15 were discharged with a caution.

The Bye-laws and Regulations relative to street trading have had a marked effect on the conduct of the children in the streets.

They are more orderly and civil; and it is quite an exception now to see a boy or girl under 16 years of age trading after 9 o'clock at night (9 p.m. being the time after which children are not allowed to trade in the streets).

The effect of the street trading Bye-laws upon street shouting has been remarkable; the improvement in this respect being very noticeable.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.—There are at present in the Force 866 members who have passed the first examination, and out of this number 745 have passed the second, 628 the third, 321 the revision; and 8 have secured the Nursing Certificates.

Three members are in possession of medals for saving life; and 13 members hold the Royal Humane Society's Certificate for resuscitation.

During the year 40 certificated members have left the Force.

819 members of the Force have successfully passed the various examinations during the year.

The amount of work done by members of the Association in the Force during the year has proved very satisfactory; as 993 cases have been recorded in which First Aid has been rendered.

In several cases members have been complimented by doctors and others; and awards have been made by the Watch Committee for the promptness and skill of various members.

Following are some of the principal cases:—

1.—On April 29th. P.C. A 167 O'Connell was called to 31, Hurst Street, and there found that a woman had swallowed a quantity of spirit of salt. The Constable at once administered an antidote of whiting and water, and afterwards oil. O'Connell was awarded the 1st Stripe of Merit for saving the woman's life.

2.—P.C. A 76 Davies was awarded one guinea for rendering first aid to a woman who had taken a quantity of salts of lemon.

3.—On October 24th, a man drank a quantity of oxalic acid. P.C. A 54 Want was called, and at once administered an antidote of chalk and water, afterwards oil. The Watch Committee awarded Want one guinea.

4.—P.C. E 47 Baker was awarded the 3rd Stripe of Merit by the Watch Committee for his skilful treatment in a case where a man had swallowed a quantity of vermin killer.

5.—On March 22nd, P.C. A 92 Sefton was called to a house in Blucher Street where he found a woman had cut her throat, and was bleeding very profusely; the police constable arrested the bleeding. The Watch Committee awarded him the 1st Stripe of Merit.

6.—Two cases occurred of persons being rendered unconscious by gas. Artificial respiration was applied in each case until breathing was restored. In one case it was not until after four hours incessant work that the patient showed signs of recovery. In each of these cases the Royal Humane Society awarded one of their Certificates; and the officers were also rewarded by the Watch Committee.

7.—Five cases of burst varicose veins have been treated by members of the Force; and in each case the officers have been rewarded by the Watch Committee.

8.—In one case of attempting suicide by hanging, first aid was promptly rendered by Police Constables, who were rewarded by the Watch Committee.

In the whole of the above cases, doctors stated that the lives of the persons had been saved.

The cases treated during the year are as follows:—

Wounds	535
Fractures	94
Fits (various)	214
Sprains	37
Dislocations	7
Bites of Animals	7
Apparently Drowned	4
Suffocation by Gas	8
Burst Varicose Veins	8
Abrasions	28
Burns and Scalds	25
Poisoning	11
Concussion	6
Injuries not classified	7
Hanging	2
Total	<u>993</u>

At the various Police Stations in the City there are 14 Hand Ambulances fully equipped with First Aid dressings, etc.; and there are 9 others for use in cases of emergency.

The calls for the use of the Horse Ambulance have greatly increased during the year. 450 cases have been attended to (as against 267 for 1905), viz:—278 accidents and sudden illnesses, and 172 removals.

During the year Rowland Mason, Esq., J.P., presented a Cup for Competition in Ambulance work between the various Police Divisions. The Competition was held in May last; when the team representing the R Division was successful in winning the Cup.

During the past year the number of premises found insecure by the Police was 5,199.

Captain the Hon. C. G. Legge, His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for the Midland Counties, inspected the Force on the 21st and 22nd July last, and expressed himself satisfied with its efficiency.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES HAUGHTON RAFTER,
Chief Constable

INDICTABLE AND NON-INDICTABLE TABLES,

A to H.

With four other tables having reference to licensed houses and drunkenness.

SYNOPSIS OF GOVERNMENT TABLES,
CRIMINAL AND OTHERWISE.

					TABLE
Indictable Offences, Crimes Committed, Apprehensions and Proceedings	...	...	...	...	A.
Non-Indictable Offences, Apprehensions and Proceedings	...	...	...	...	B.
Cases tried Summarily. Proceedings and Results	...	...	...	...	C.
Cases tried Summarily. Age and sex of the Offenders	...	...	...	...	D.
Quasi-criminal Proceedings	...	...	...	...	E.
Monthly Returns of Indictable Offences and Apprehensions	...	...	...	...	F.
Persons under Police Supervision	...	...	...	...	G.
Suspected Persons at large, and houses of bad character	...	...	...	...	H.

Return 1—Number of Licensed Houses, etc,

2—Offences by Licensed Holders.

3—Convictions for Drunkenness.

4—Alterations to Licensed Premises without the consent of the Visiting Justices.

RETURN A -INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—CRIMES

OFFENCE.	Number of Crimes Committed.	Persons Apprehended.						
		Total Number.			Apprehended.			
		Total.	M.	F.	Without Warrant.	On Warrant issued in First Instance.	On Warrant issued on Failure to appear in Summons.	
Murder of Persons aged above one year	3	3	2	1	3	..	..
Attempt to Murder	1	1	1	..	1	..	..
Manslaughter	4	4	4	..	4	..	..
Wounding and other Acts endangering Life	20	27	21	6	26	1	..	
Endangering Railway Passengers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malicious wounding and other like offences (Misdemeanors)	5	5	5	..	5	..	..
Abandoning Children under two years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Procuring Abortion	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Concealment of Birth	2	2	..	2	2	..	..
Indecency with Males	2	3	3	..	2	1	..	
Indecent Assaults on Females	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Defilement of Girls under 13	2	2	2	..	2	..	..
Defilement of Girls under 16	4	4	4	..	4	..	..
Bigamy...	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	
Sacrilege (robbing places of worship)	2	2	2	..	2	..	..
Burglary	27	20	19	1	20	..	..
Housebreaking..	143	45	39	6	44	1	..	
Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, &c.	158	56	54	2	56	..	..
Attempts to break into Houses, Shops, Warehouses, &c....	13	10	10	..	10	..	..
Possession of Housebreaking Tools, &c.	3	3	3	..	3	..	..
Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob	7	8	7	1	4	3	1	
Larceny of Horses, Cattle, and Sheep	6	7	7	..	7	..	..
Larceny from the Person	72	55	35	20	55	..	..
Larceny in House, to value of £5, or with menaces	2	3	3	..	3	..	..
Larceny by a Servant	88	66	60	6	61	5	..	
Embezzlement	34	34	34	..	..	34	..	
Larceny of Post Letters	1	1	1	..	1	..	..
Simple larceny and minor larcenies	1514	853	740	113	837	15	1	
Obtaining Goods, &c., by false pretences	36	36	27	9	27	9	..	
Frauds by Agents, Trustees, Directors, &c.	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	
Other Frauds	5	5	4	1	3	2	..	
Receiving Stolen Goods	17	20	14	6	18	2	..	
Arson	1	1	1	..	1	..	..
Other Malicious Injuries	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Forgery and uttering (Felony)	4	4	4	..	3	1	..	
Uttering or possessing Counterfeit Coin	4	4	4	..	4	..	..
Perjury	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Habitual Drunkenness	8	8	1	7	8	..	..
Suicide (attempting to commit)	65	65	32	33	64	1	..	
Sending Indecent Postcards...	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	
TOTAL	2256	1360	1146	214	1280	78	2	

NOTE.—The number of Larcenies, &c., committed, as stated above, is inclusive of 484 cases where the

COMMITTED.-APPREHENSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Disposal of Persons Apprehended.								Disposal of Persons appearing to Summons.										Persons whose cases were pending at the end of the year.
On withdrawal of Prosecution.	Discharged.	Tried Summarily and		Com-mitted for Trial and		Bailed to come up for further Examination when required.	Persons (not apprehended) appearing to Summons.			On withdrawal of Prosecution.	Discharged.	Tried Summarily and		Com-mitted for Trial and		Bailed to come up for further Examination when required.		
		Discharged (Acquitted).	Convicted.	Sent to Prison.	Released on Bail.		Total	M.	F.			On the Evidence.	Discharged (Acquitted).	Convicted.	Sent to Prison.		Released on Bail.	
...	2	...	1
...	...	2	...	1
6	10	1	...	10	...	...	...	5	5	...	1	2	2	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	25	...	...	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	5	2	46	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	...	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	17	19	12	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	9	49	6	1	...	7	7	...	3	1	...	3	...	...	...	...
...	...	5	28	1	...	...	16	16	...	2	5	2	7	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	255	488	103	7	...	6	3	3	1	1	...	4	...	...	...	...
...	...	5	27	4	...	...	7	5	2	3	...	1	2	...	...	1	...
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	1	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	3	2	9	6	...	...	2	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	2	2	...	2	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	
...	
64	...	...	8	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
78	54	297	675	233	22	1	48	41	7	11	12	6	18	...	...	1	...

property stolen was of less value than 5s., and no person was apprehended or proceeded against.

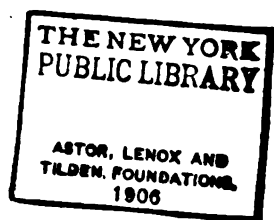
RETURN B.—NON-INDICTABLE OFFENCES.

OFFENCES.	Persons Apprehended.					
	Total Number.			Apprehended.		
				Without Warrant.	On Warrant issued in First Instance.	On Warrant issued on Appeal to or Failure to return.
	M.	F.	Total.			
Adulteration of Food and Drugs	...	...	...	...	...	...
Aggravated Assaults	25	...	25	23	1	1
Assaults on Constables	378	64	442	430	7	5
Common Assaults	393	35	428	385	9	34
Betting and Gaming	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brothel Keeping	3	1	4	...	...	4
Cruelty to Animals	8	...	3	2	...	1
Cruelty to or Neglect of Children	4	3	7	3	1	3
Dogs, Offences in relation to	1	...	1	...	1	...
Elementary Education Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Explosives, Offences in relation to	...	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Acts, Offences by Owners and Drivers of Carts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Acts, Obstructions and Nuisances	31	1	32	24	1	7
Highway Acts, Motor Cars	...	...	...	...	...	...
Highway Acts, Bicycles	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent Advertisements	10	...	10	10	...	...
Indecent Exposure	16	3	19	19	...	...
Drunkenness, simple	331	76	407	407	...	...
Drunkenness, with aggravations	2333	647	2980	2971	...	9
Permitting Drunkenness on Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...
Selling Drink to or Procuring Drink for Habitual Drunkards	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences against Closing Regulations	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Offences by Licensed Persons	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unlicensed Sale of Drink	...	...	...	...	...	...
Habitual Drunkards Obtaining Drink	2	2	4	4	...	...
Other Offences against the Intoxicating Liquor Laws	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labour Laws, Offences against Factory Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labour Laws, Offences against Shop Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious Damage to Trees, Shrubs, &c.	1	...	1	1	...	...
Malicious Damage to Fruit, &c.	3	...	3	3	...	...
Malicious Damage, Other Offences	112	24	136	130	1	5
Army Act, Offences against	84	...	84	84	...	...
Navy Act, Offences against	13	...	13	13	...	...
Offences by Pawnbrokers	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unlawful Pledging	3	11	14	14	...	...
Town Police Clauses Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Borough Bye-laws, Offences against	1114	162	1276	1243	...	33
Local Acts and Bye-laws, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Poor Law, Neglecting to Maintain Family, &c.	28	2	30	2	28	...
Poor Law, Misbehaviour by Paupers	9	...	9	9	...	...
Prevention of Crimes Acts, Offences by License Holders	1	...	1	...	...	1
Prevention of Crimes Acts, Offences by Supervisees	30	1	31	28	3	...
Prostitution	...	361	361	361	...	...
Railways, Offences in relation to	133	7	140	140	...	...
Revenue Laws, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Law, Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sanitary Law, Local Acts and Bye-Laws	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stage and Hackney Carriage Regulations, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Stealing Growing Fruit, Plants, Vegetables, &c.	4	...	4	4	...	...
Tramways Act, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vaccination Acts, Offences against	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vagrancy Acts, Begging	152	22	174	174	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Sleeping Out	291	70	361	361	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Gaming, &c.	215	...	245	240	...	5
Vagrancy Act, Found in Enclosed Premises	40	4	44	44	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Frequenting	66	1	67	66	1	...
Vagrancy Act, Living on Prostitute's Earnings	1	...	1	1	...	...
Vagrancy Act, Other Offences	76	8	84	84	...	...
Weights and Measures Acts, Offences against	1	...	1	...	...	1
Infringement of Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...	...
Infringement of Companies Act	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other	...	...	...	...	...	...
Infringement of Veterinary Surgeons Act	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences, viz. :—	...	...	...	...	...	...
Selling Bread otherwise than by Weight	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purchasing less than 56lbs. of Brass	...	...	...	...	...	...
Infringement of Pistols Act	...	...	...	...	...	...
Withholding Money of Trade Society	...	...	...	...	...	...
Applying False Trade Description	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	5097	1505	6602	6599	3	100

APPREHENSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Disposal of Persons Apprehended.			Persons dealt with on Summons. (Either on Appearance to Summons or in Absence.)						Cases adjudicated on in Absence of Defendant		Persons whose cases were pending at the end of the year.
Discharged.	Convicted.	Otherwise Disposed of.	Number.			Disposal.			Dismissals.	Convictions.	
			Males.	Females.	Total.	Discharged.	Convicted.	Otherwise Disposed of.			
...	...	...	75	11	86	35	51	...	...	...	...
1	24	...	11	...	11	...	11	...	...	...	...
33	409	...	39	6	45	12	83	...	...	...	...
91	337	...	382	148	530	249	281	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
1	3	...	19	29	48	24	24	...	...	...	...
...	3	...	418	8	426	129	297	...	...	...	...
...	7	...	32	41	73	23	50	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	2034	327	2361	737	1615	9	...	...	...
...	...	...	4	...	4	1	3	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	180	1	181	12	169	...	...	...	...
8	24	...	873	51	924	326	598	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	70	1	71	42	29	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	47	1	48	8	40	...	...	...	...
2	8	...	3	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...
5	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
55	352	...	34	2	36	7	29	...	...	...	...
389	2591	...	142	65	207	32	175	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	3	...	3	2	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	23	1	24	13	11	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	3	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...
1	3	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	35	5	40	9	31	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	15	2	17	2	15	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	3	...	3	1	2	...	...	...	...
2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
32	104	...	36	11	47	23	24	...	...	...	...
2	...	82	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	4	5	9	6	3	...	...	...	...
3	11	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	1414	216	1630	164	1466	...	...	...	...
118	1154	...	729	133	862	261	601	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	86	52	138	36	102	...	...	...	...
4	26	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
78	283	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
28	112	...	43	4	47	21	26	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	294	49	343	44	299	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	27	7	34	12	22	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	107	...	107	20	87	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	63	1	64	24	40	...	...	...	...
...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	17	...	15	3	12	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	3	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...
73	101	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
211	150	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
57	188	...	561	3	564	253	311	...	...	...	...
16	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
22	45	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
26	58	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	12	...	12	3	9	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	5	...	5	1	4	...	...	...	...
...	35	...	35	21	14
...	1	...	1	1
...	1	3	4	...	4
...	3	1	4	4
...	2	...	2	2
...	2	...	2	1	1
...	1	...	1	...	1
1975	16082	85	7896	1186	9082	2574	6499	9

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RETURN D.—CASES TRIED SUMMARILY.—

(a)—Indictable Offences tried Summarily.

OFFENCES.	Total Con- victed.	Sex of Persons Convicted.	
		Males.	Fe- males.
A.—Indictable Offences tried Summarily.			
Simple Larceny & Offences punishable as Simple Larceny	492	421	71
Larceny from the Person	19	12	7
Larceny by a Servant	52	47	5
Embezzlement	28	28	...
Obtaining Goods, &c., by False Pretences	30	22	8
Receiving Stolen Goods	12	10	2
Endangering Railway Passengers .. ..	...	...	...
Habitual Drunkenness	9	1	8
TOTAL	642	541	101
B.—Other Offences tried Summarily.			
Assaults—Aggravated	24	24	...
Assaults—On Constable	409	354	55
Assaults—Common	337	306	31
Brothel Keeping	3	2	1
Cruelty to Animals	3	3	...
Cruelty to or Neglect of Children	7	3	4
Obstructions and Nuisances	24	23	1
Indecent Advertisements	8	8	...
Indecent Exposure	14	11	3
Drunkenness, Simple	352	250	102
Drunkenness, with Aggravations	2591	2161	430
Habitual Drunkards Purchasing or Obtaining Drink	3	2	1
Malicious Damage—To Trees, Shrubs, &c.	1	1	...
Malicious Damage—To Fruit, &c.	1	1	...
Malicious Damage—Other Offences	104	81	23
Unlawful Pledging	11	3	8
Borough Bye-Laws, Offences against	1158	1081	127
Neglecting to Maintain Family, &c.	26	24	2
Misbehaviour by Paupers	9	9	...
Offences by License Holders	1	1	...
Offences by Supervisees	26	25	1
Prostitution (Prostitutes soliciting, behaving in a riotous and indecent manner, &c.)	283	...	283
Railways, Offences in relation to	112	106	6
Stealing Growing Fruit, Plants, Vegetables &c.	4	4	...
Vagrancy Act—Begging	101	91	10
Vagrancy Act—Sleeping out	150	121	29
Vagrancy Act—Gaming, &c.	188	188	...
Vagrancy Act—Found in Inclosed Premises	28	26	2
Vagrancy Act—Frequenting	45	45	...
Vagrancy Act—Other Offences	58	56	2
Weights and Measures Acts—Offences against	1	1	...
TOTAL	6082	4961	1121

AGE AND SEX OF OFFENDERS.

(b)—Non-Indictable Offences.

AGE OF PERSONS CONVICTED.															
Under 12 years.		12 to 16.		16 to 21.		21 to 30.		30 to 40.		40 to 50.		50 to 60.		Above 60.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
...	...	33	2	153	14	101	14	67	18	45	10	14	7	8	6
1	1	5	1	3	3	2	1	1	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	6	...	10	1	18	3	9	1	1	...	2	...	1	...
...	...	1	...	...	...	21	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	1	...	2	3	10	4	5	1	3	...	1	...	...	...
...	1	...	2	...	4	1	3	1	...	...	...	...
...
...	3	1	1	...	4	...	...	...	...
1	...	41	3	171	19	155	27	94	23	53	16	17	7	9	6
...	5	...	10	...	4	...	3	...	1	...	1	...
...	51	6	154	19	103	21	40	6	3	2	3	1
...	31	1	117	8	88	16	53	4	15	1	2	1
...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	1	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	3	...	10	...	6	...	2	...	2	1	...	...	...	...
...	4	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
...	2	...	2	1	3	1	2	1	2	...	...	...
...	10	15	62	60	95	15	45	2	22	5	16	5
...	121	16	669	69	702	196	398	110	185	34	86	5
...	1	2	...	...	...
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	3	...	12	1	22	6	25	8	13	6	4	2	2	...
...	1	...	...	3	...	...	1	4	1	1	...	...
...	...	5	...	106	21	336	52	342	36	144	12	68	6	30	...
...	6	1	11	...	4	1	2	...	1	...
...	3	...	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	5	...	15	1	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	33	...	131	...	96	...	19	...	4	...	...
...	...	13	...	42	2	25	...	16	1	9	3	...	...	1	...
...	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	5	...	8	...	20	2	22	2	9	4	27	2
...	...	1	...	30	5	34	5	13	7	24	6	11	2	8	4
...	...	18	...	116	...	38	...	11	...	5	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	2	...	14	...	2	...	3	2	3	...	...	...	2	...
...	...	3	...	16	...	18	...	5	...	2	...	1	...	...	...
...	11	...	15	...	16	...	10	1	3	...	1	1
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	50	...	594	100	1551	358	1470	403	785	180	331	61	180	19

RETURN F.—Number of Crimes (Indictable Offences) Committed, and of Apprehensions in each Month of the Year.

OFFENCE	CRIMES COMMITTED.												APPREHENSIONS.											
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Murder (of persons aged above one year)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Attempt to Murder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manslaughter	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wounding and other Acts endangering Life (felonies)	4	1	2	2	...	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	4	1	2	4	1	2	1	3	2	4	2	1
Malicious wounding and other like offences (Misdemeanors)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Concealment of Birth	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indecency with Males	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent Assaults on Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Defilement of girls under 13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Defilement of Girls under 16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bigamy	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sacrilege (robbing places of worship)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burglary	5	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Housebreaking	10	9	5	10	9	9	7	15	14	10	19	26	4	3	10	3	1	2	4	4	4	3	10	1
Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, &c.	20	12	17	9	10	10	9	11	16	15	15	14	7	...	2	8	4	1	5	1	6	3	12	7
Attempts to Break into Houses, Shops, Warehouses, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Possession of Housebreaking Tools	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny of Horses, Cattle, and Sheep	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny from the Person	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny in House, to value of £5, or with menaces	8	6	13	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny by a Servant	3	3	...	6	3	2	5	2	6	1	1	2	3	3	...	6	3	2	5	2	6	1	1	2
Embezzlement	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny of Post Letters	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Simple larceny and other equivalent offences	139	115	144	140	01	117	114	118	97	147	137	145	93	79	89	74	67	62	67	64	70	58	76	56
Obtaining Goods, &c., by false pretences	3	6	2	3	1	...	8	1	4	7	...	1	3	6	2	3	1	...	8	1	4	7	...	1
Frauds by Agents, Trustees, Directors, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Frauds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Receiving stolen goods	1	1	2	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3	3	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Offences in connection with Bankruptcy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Arson	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Forgery and Uttering (Felony)	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Uttering or possessing Counterfeit Coin	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Habitual Drunkenness	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Suicide (attempt to commit)	2	4	4	4	11	9	12	2	5	4	1	7	2	4	4	4	11	9	12	2	5	4	1	7
Sending Indecent Postcards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	210	171	201	187	152	172	175	178	171	215	208	216	142	114	123	127	103	93	112	99	122	104	132	89

RETURN G.—PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.

POLICE DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.				DISPOSAL OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.							CONDUCT OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION. (Exclusive of Persons removed to other Districts.)				
	In District at commencement of year.	Entered district during year.		TOTAL.	Supervision expired.	Supervision remitted by Secretary of State.	Removed to other Districts.	Sent to Prison.	Missing and Gazetted.	Left England.	Died.	Under Supervision in District at end of year.	On Indictment.	Summarily only.	Suspected to be living dishonestly but not convicted during the year.	Known or believed to be living honestly.
		From Prison.	From other Districts.													
City of Birmingham	81	130	27	238	47	4	33	43	8	1	1	101	34	10	31	130
...

RETURN H.-HABITUAL CRIMINALS AT LARGE, HOUSES OF BAD CHARACTER,
POPULATION OF DISTRICT, AND STRENGTH OF POLICE FORCE.

POLICE DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF HABITUAL CRIMINALS AT LARGE.										NUMBER OF HOUSES OF BAD CHARACTER.				Strength of Police Force.	Population of Police District.																
	TOTAL NUMBER.						Thieves.				Receivers.						Houses of Receivers of Stolen Goods.				Houses frequented by Thieves.											
	Other Habitual Criminals.						Thieves.				Receivers.						Public-Houses.				Beer-Houses.				Other Houses.							
							M.				F.						M.				F.				M.				F.			
	Total.	M.	F.				M.	F.			M.	F.					M.	F.			M.	F.			M.	F.						
City of Birmingham	277	224	53				174	38			26	10			24	5			40	15			7	5	13	880						

RETURN I.—Premises Licensed for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors by Retail, and Registered Clubs, in each Licensing District, on the 1st January, 1905.

(1) LICENSING DISTRICT.	EXTENT, &c. OF LICENSING DISTRICT.				PREMISES LICENSED FOR SALE BY RETAIL.														(21) REGISTERED CLUBS.	
	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5) Rateable Value.	WITH JUSTICES' CERTIFICATES.								(14) WITH EXCISE LICENCES ONLY.	EXEMPTION ORDERS AND OCCASIONAL LICENCES.				"On" LICENCES WITH LIMITATIONS (Included in columns 6 to 13).		
					For consumption On the Premises, or Off the Premises only.	TOTAL.	(12)	(13)	All Licensed Premises.	Wine and Spirit Dealers' Retail Licences.	Permanent or for Periods (Sec. 26 of 35 & 36 V. c. 94)	Special Occasions (Sec. 29 of 35 & 36 V. c. 94)		Occasional Licences (authorising sale at places other than licensed premises).	(17)					
																(6)	(7)			(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(15)	(16)
Birmingham ...	12,705	522,204	112,714	2,872,152 17 0 s. d.	638	818	12	182	437	1468	619	2087	26	none	94	206	34	none	1	91

RETURN II.—Offences by Licensed Persons or in relation to Clubs, in each Licensing District, during the Year 1905.

(1)	(2)	OFFENCES OF WHICH LICENSED PERSONS WERE CONVICTED.						OFFENCES IN RELATION TO CLUBS.				
		(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	REGISTERED CLUBS.			UNREGISTERED CLUBS.	
								(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
LICENSING DISTRICT.		Total Number of Proceed- ings against Licensed Persons for Offences against the Intoxicating Liquor Laws.	Permitting Drunkenness on Licensed Premises, or Selling to Drunken Person.	Selling Drink to Habitual Drunksards.	Selling Drink to Children.	Offences against Closing Regulations.	Other Offences against the Intoxicating Liquor Laws.	TOTAL.	Total Number Proceeded Against.	Number of Convictions.	Total Number Proceeded Against.	Number of Convictions.
Birmingham ...	34	1	—	—	—	—	11	12	—	—	—	—

RETURN IV.—Number and Results of the Proceedings taken during the year ended 31st December, 1905, under Sub-section 2 of Section 11 of the Licensing Act, 1902, against the Holders of Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, for making Alterations in Licensed Premises without the consent of the Licensing Justices.

(1)	(2)	RESULTS OF PROCEEDINGS.			(6)
		(3)	(4)	(5)	
		Licenses Forfeited.	Premises ordered to be Restored to their Original Condition.	Otherwise Disposed of (stating how).	Subsequent Proceedings (if any) for Disobedience to Orders.
LICENSING DISTRICT.					
BIRMINGHAM	2	—	—	Dismissed. In one case, the Justices decided that an undertaking be given to submit plans to the Licensing Justices for approval.	—

TABLES OF STATISTICS, &c.

TABLE I.

TABLE showing the strength of the Police Force (exclusive of additional Constables), the Area of the City in Acres, and the average Acreage to each Constable; the Population of the City in 1905, and the average Population to each Constable.

Strength of Police Force (exclusive of 18 additional Constables)	880
Area in Acres	12,705
Acreage to each Constable	15
Population in 1901	522,204
Population to each Constable	593

TABLE II.
 RETURN of authorised POLICE FORCE, and allowances as allowed to
 each Rank and Class on the 31st day of December, 1905.

The authorised strength of each Rank on the 31st Dec., 1905.	RANKS AND CLASSES.			Rates and Pay of each Rank and Class, as allowed on the 31st December, 1905.		Allowance for Boots or Clothing when not provided.	
				Rates of Weekly Pay.	Rates of Yearly Pay.	Allow- ance for Boots.	Allowance for Plain Clothes, etc.
		Total actual number of each Rank and Class on the 31st Dec., 1905.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
1	Chief Constable	1		800 0 0			
1	Deputy-Chief Constable	1		320 0 0		.....	£12
1	Chief Clerk	1		285 0 0			
1	Detective Superintendent	1		200 0 0			
5	Superintendents {	3		250 0 0		£210s. 6d. Annually.	
		0		000 0 0			
		1		210 0 0			
	Chief Inspectors	3		150 0 0			
25	Inspectors {	Special Class...	4	143 0 0		£2 0s. 0d. Annually.	
		1st Class ...	6	130 0 0			
		2nd " ...	9	119 12 0			
		3rd " ...	5	109 4 0			
82	Sergeants {	1st Class ...	29	2 0 0		£2 0s. 0d. Annually.	
		2nd " ...	15	1 19 0			
		3rd " ...	14	1 17 0			
		4th " ...	20	1 15 0			
	Constables, 3rd Long Service Class	109		1 13 0			
	" 2nd " "	91		1 12 0			
	" 1st " "	87		1 11 0			
764	Constables {	1st Class ...	57	1 10 0		7s. 6d. per Quarter.	
		2nd " ...	79	1 9 0			
		3rd " ...	134	1 8 0			
		4th " ...	135	1 7 0			
		5th " ...	74	1 5 0			
580	Total Force	879					

N.B.—There is a Progressive Pay, viz.: Superintendents, annual advance from £170 to £250; Inspectors, a 3, 4 and 3 years' scale from date of promotion: Sergeants, 3, 3 and 3 years; Constables on appointment receive 25/- per week; after 12 months, 27 - per week; after 3 years, 28.- per week; after 5 years, 29- per week; after 7 years, 30/- per week; after 9 years, 31/- per week; after 12 years, 32 - per week; after 15 years, 33/- per week.
 In accordance with the terms of the Merit Class 17 Sergeants are receiving 2- and 15 1/- per week; 17 Constables are receiving 2- per week; 15 1/- per week; and 71 -/6 per week.

TABLE III.
RETURN showing how the additional Constables are employed.

By whom appointed.	By whom Paid.	RANKS.				Total.
		Sup'ts.	Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Constables.	
Watch Committee ...	War Department ...	...	...	...	3	3
" ...	Poor Law Guardians ...	..	1	...	.	1
" ...	Markets Committee...	...	...	1	8	9
" ...	Under Employment of Children Act 1903 ...	...	...	1	1	2
" ...	Health Committee ...	...	2	...	...	2
" ...	Water Department ...	...	...	1	...	1
	TOTAL ...	...	3	3	12	18

TABLE IV.
 RETURN showing the length of Service and certain Ages of the Members of the Actual Strength
 of the Police Force for the Year ended 31st December, 1905.

RANKS.	PERIODS OF SERVICE.						AGES.	
	Under 5 years.	5 years and under 10 years.	10 years and under 15 years.	15 years and under 20 years.	20 years and under 25 years.	25 years and upwards.	Under 21 years.	Above 60 years.
Chief Constable ... ..	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deputy Chief Constable ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	..	...
Chief Clerk ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Superintendents ... ..	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...
Inspectors ... ..	...	...	3	8	10	6	...	...
Sergeants ... ..	...	2	21	32	20	3	...	...
Constables	338	178	143	58	40	10	...	...
Total	338	180	166	98	73	24	...	...

TABLE V.
 RETURN showing the variations which have taken place in the Force during the Year ended
 31st December, 1905.

RANKS.	Resigned own request.	Resigned on Report.	Super- annuated.	Deceased.	Received Gratuities.	Total Left the Force.	Total Joined the Force.
Chief Constable	...	...	...	..	...	...	...
Superintendents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Inspectors	...	...	2	...	...	2	...
Sergeants	...	...	4	...	...	4	...
Constables	10	14	17	4	3	48	74
TOTALS.	10	14	23	4	...	54	74

TABLE VI.
POLICE ESTABLISHMENT and CHARGES for the Year ended December 31st, 1905, and Three preceding Years.

POPULATION LAST CENSUS		ESTABLISHMENT.										COST OF ESTABLISHMENT.												
		Chief Constable.	Deputy Chief Constable	Chief Clerk.	Superintendents.	Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Additional Constables	Detective Constables.	TOTAL.	Salaries and Pay.	Allowance and Contingent Expenses.	Clothing and Accoutrements.	Superannua- tions and Gratuities paid during the year. (Other than those paid out of Super- annuation Fund.)	Horses, Harness, Forage, &c.	Buildings, Station House, Charges, Printing, Stationery, &c.	Other Miscellaneous Charges.	Total Cost.	Superannua- tions and Gratuities paid out of Superannua- tion Fund.				
1905	522,204	1	1	1	6	25	82	740	18	24	880	£ 73,117	£ 32929	£ 7 3	£ 4,329	£ 0 11	*85 1 0 †507 17 6	£ 564	£ 6,878	£ 3,144	£ 91,551	£ 4 7	£ 11,794	£ 9 1
1904	522,204	1	1	1	6	25	81	721	16	24	860	£ 73,235	£ 42439	£ 5 11	£ 7,031	£ 8 11	*44 2 0 †761 0 1	£ 406	£ 7,038	£ 3,682	£ 594,638	£ 1 3	£ 11,659	£ 16 2
1903	522,204	1	1	1	5	20	60	707	16	41	852	£ 86,819	£ 22259	£ 10 3	£ 4,355	£ 10 4	*144 18 0	£ 482	£ 7,847	£ 3,094	£ 885,003	£ 15 10	£ 9,871	£ 3 9
1902	522,204	1	1	1	6	25	80	634	16	23	837	£ 65,168	£ 81920	£ 5 7	£ 7,151	£ 7 6	†531 14 1 * 18 18 0	£ 488	£ 6,657	£ 3,077	£ 585,013	£ 16 3	£ 9,995	£ 15 10

† Deficiency on Police Superannuation Fund. * Gratuities.

TABLE VII.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons charged with being Drunk, and Drunk and Disorderly; also showing the Number of Persons charged with other offences committed while in a state of Drunkenness, during the years ended 31st December, 1905, and Four preceding years.

OFFENCE.	1905	1904	1903	1902	1901
Drunk, and Drunk and Disorderly	3,387	3,615	3,179	2,692	3,171
Drunkenness, accompanied with other offences ...	3,728	4,011	3,628	3,046	3,566

TABLE VIII.

RETURN showing the number of persons proceeded against summarily for Assaults on the Police during the Years ended 31st December, 1905, and four preceding years.

YEAR.	Number of Persons proceeded against.	Number of Persons convicted.
1905	487	442
1904	417	384
1903	459	435
1902	416	392
1901	507	470

TABLE IX.

RETURN showing the number of Persons proceeded against for Larceny and other Indictable Offences triable Summarily for the Years ended 31st December, 1905, and Four preceding Years.

	YEARS.				
	1905	1904	1903	1902	1901
Summary Jurisdiction Act	944	1406	961	1068	949

TABLE XI.

RETURN of the Number of Public Houses, Cider Houses, and Refreshment Houses with Wine Licenses; also showing the Number proceeded against, the Number Convicted, and the Number deprived of Licenses for Misconduct, during the years ended 31st December, 1905, and Four preceding years

	PUBLIC HOUSES.				BEER HOUSES.				CIDER HOUSES ONLY.				REFRESHMENT HOUSES WITH WINE LICENSE.			
	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct.
1905	635	25	3	..	1430	9	1	..	1	..	..	..	13	..	..	..
1904	638	26	15	..	1450	22	13	..	1	..	..	..	15	..	..	..
1903	640	8	4	..	*1506	11	9	..	1	..	..	..	16	..	..	..
1902	645	15	10	..	1508	20	16	..	1	..	..	..	16	..	..	..
1901	645	16	5	..	1577	34	16	4	1	..	..	..	15	..	..	..

* Of the 1430 under the head "Beer Houses," 651 are licensed to sell Beer to be consumed on the premises, 162 for Beer and Wine "On," 435 are licensed to sell Beer to be consumed off the premises, and 182 are Dealers and Miscellaneous Licenses licensed to sell Beer, Wine or Spirits.

TABLE XII.

RETURN Showing the Number of Premises registered for the storage of Gunpowder and Mixed Explosives, and the Number of Stores for Mixed Explosives, licensed under the Explosives Act, 1875; also the number of Premises Licensed under the Petroleum Acts, 1871 to 1881, during the year ended December 31st. 1905.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.			PETROLEUM ACTS, 1871 to 1881.			
Number of Premises Registered for the Storage of Gunpowder.	Number of Premises Registered for the Storage of Mixed Explosives.	Stores for Mixed Explosives.	Total Registered.	Number of Places Licensed for the Storage of Petroleum.	Number of Places Licensed for the Storage of Carbide of Calcium.	Total Licensed.
79	1000	1	1080	338	71	409

TABLE XIII.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons summoned under the Explosives Act, 1875, and Petroleum Acts, 1871 to 1881, the Number Convicted, and the total Amount of Fines and Costs inflicted.

	Number of Persons Summoned.	Number of Persons Convicted.	Total Amount of Fines Inflicted.			Total Amount of Costs Paid.
			£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Explosives Act ...	3	3	3	0	0	1 5 6
Petroleum Act ...	6	6	6	0	0	3 12 6

TABLE XIV.

RETURN showing the amount of Money received for the Registration of Premises for the storage of Gunpowder and Mixed Explosives and the Amount received for Licenses under the Petroleum Acts.

EXPLOSIVES ACT.			PETROLEUM ACTS.		
Amount received for Registration of Premises, &c.			Amount received for Licenses.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
54	0	0	102	5	0

TABLE XV.

RETURN showing the numbers of Hackney Carriages, Hackney Carriage Drivers, the number of whose Licenses have been Revoked or Suspended; and the number of Articles found in the Vehicles during the Year ended 31st December, 1905, and corresponding period of 1904.

YEAR.	HACKNEY CARRIAGES.				HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS.				ARTICLES FOUND.			
	Number of Hackney Carriages Licensed.	Number of Proprietors.	Number of Proprietors holding more than one License.	Number of Proprietors holding only one License.	Number of Hackney Carriage Drivers Licensed.	Number of Hackney Carriage Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number whose Licenses have been suspended.	Number of Articles found.	Number of Articles returned to the Owners.	Number given up to Drivers.	Number waiting to be claimed.	
1905 ...	446	131	80	51	676	6	18	521	242	68	211	
1904 ...	484	124	76	48	681	15	13	607	255	227	125	

TABLE XVI.

RETURN showing the numbers of Cars, Drivers, and Conductors Licensed on Tramways; also the numbers of Omnibuses and Brakes, Drivers and Conductors Licensed; the number of whose Licenses have been Revoked or Suspended; and the number of Articles found in Tram Cars, Omnibuses, or Brakes, and brought to the Public Carriage Office, also the number of such Articles given up to Owners or Conductors, and the number waiting to be owned, during the year ended 31st Dec., 1905, and corresponding period of 1904.

YEAR.	TRAM CARS.						OMNIBUSES AND BRAKES.						ARTICLES FOUND.			
	Number of Tram Cars Licensed.	Number of Tram Car Drivers Licensed.	Number of Tram Car Conductors Licensed.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Omnibuses and Brakes Licensed.	Number of (Omnibus and Brake Drivers Licensed.	Number of Omnibus and Brake Conductors Licensed.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Articles Returned to Owners.	Number of Articles given up to Finder.	Number waiting to be Claimed.
1905 ...	313	591	692	—	—	—	233	421	372	—	1	—	—	2063	1615	1070
1904 ...	258	518	590	—	—	—	228	434	416	1	3	3	—	1909	1633	1023

TABLE XVII.

Return of the Number of Pedlars' Certificates granted in the Birmingham Police District during the year ended 31st December, 1905.

Number of Certificates granted.	Amount of Money received for Granting Certificates and paid to Borough Fund.
502	£ 125 s. 10 d. 0

TABLE XVIII.

Return of the Number of Cattle and Vehicles found in the Streets by the Police and impounded by them; also showing how they were disposed of, for the year ended 31st December, 1905, the Amount received, and to what Account paid.

The Number of Cattle or Vehicles found in the Streets.	Number of Cattle or Vehicles restored to owners.	Number of Cattle or Vehicles sold, not being owned.	Paid to Improvement Account.	Paid to Superannuation Account.
268	259	9	£ 26 s. 3 d. 9	£ 9 s. 2 d. 6

TABLE XIX.

Return showing the Number of Accidents caused by Steam, Cable, and Electric Trams, Motor, and other Vehicular Traffic in the Streets for the Year ended 31st December, 1905.

Proprietors.		Accidents caused by Trams and Motor Vehicles.				Accidents by other Vehicles.	Total.
		Steam.	Cable.	Electric.	Motor.		
City of Birmingham Co.)	Steam Trams. {	73	17	126	77	769	1062
Birmingham & Midland							
City of Birmingham Co. ...	(Cable Trams.)						
City of Birmingham ...	(Electric Trams.)						
Birmingham & Midland ...							
Birmingham Corporation...							
Motor Vehicles ...							
Birmingham & Midland ..							
Motor Co. ...							

TABLE XX.
A RETURN showing the number of Premises Found Open by the Police between the hours of
10 p.m. and 6 a.m., for the twelve months ended December 31st, 1904.

PREMISES FOUND INSECURE.

DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES.	By DOORS BEING LEFT OPEN.	By WINDOWS BEING LEFT OPEN.	By OTHER MEANS.	TOTAL.	INCREASE ON LAST YEAR.	DECREASE ON LAST YEAR.
Shops	1,438	62	101	1,601	...	264
Warehouses, &c.	238	62	79	379	149	...
Factories	441	48	150	639	171	...
Dwelling Houses	1,750	174	109	2,033	...	156
Other Premises not included as above ...	502	7	38	547	...	505
	4,369	353	477	5,199	320	925

Circulars are specially sent to the owners—where caretakers and others responsible have left their premises open inadvertently.

TABLE XXI.

A RETURN of all Inquests held in the City of Birmingham for the Year ended 31st December, 1905, by ISAAC BRADLEY, Esq., His Majesty's Coroner for the City of Birmingham, and by ARTHUR HENRY HEBBERT Esq., his Deputy.

NUMBER OF INQUESTS.										FINDING OF THE JURY.																
Infants, Legitimate.			Infants, Illegitimate or unknown.			Death by Wilful or Criminal Act.				Death by Neglect, Exposure, or Excess.				Death from Causes not completely ascertained. (Open Verdict.)				Still Born.								
Under 1 year	1 year and under 7 years.	Under 1 year.	1 year and under 7 years.	Children 7 years and under 16 years.	Youths, 16 years and under 25 years.	Adults, 25 years and under 60 years.	Aged 60 years and above.	Age unknown.	TOTAL.	Murder.	Manslaughter.	Justifiable Homicide.	Executed.	Suicide while Insane.	Suicide, <i>felo de se</i>	Disease Aggravated by Neglect by Others.	From Want, (Cold, Exposure, &c.	From Excessive Drinking.	Want of Attention at Birth.	Death by Accident.	Death from Natural Causes.	Death from Injuries.	Found Drowned.	Other Known Causes.	Found Dead. Cause of Death Unascertainable.	Still Born.
M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.	M. F. M. F. M. F.
51 44 36 30 13 2 8	—	22 16 17 13 124 48 50 82	—	316 104 4 4	1 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 3 1 168 133 91 86 1 1	11 5 3	—	1	—	3

The 291 cases of Accidental Death include 71 cases (32 male and 39 female) of children suffocated while in bed with their parents or others. In addition to the above Return of 510 Inquests, there have been during the past year 505 Deaths reported to the Coroner by the Police and others, where Inquests have not been deemed necessary. In each of these cases, however, enquiry has been made by Inspector Farmer, the Coroner's Officer, and his Assistants, and the various reports have been submitted by him for the perusal and consideration of the Coroner. Of the 510 Inquests held, 45 were on the bodies of persons whose deaths were due to circumstances which happened outside the City.

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FOR THE

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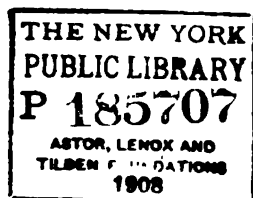


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MEMBERS OF THE WATCH COMMITTEE.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR.

Ex-Officio.

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Birmingham,

23rd January, 1907.

AT A MEETING OF THE WATCH COMMITTEE, held on
the 28rd day of January, 1907,

MR. COUNCILLOR GODLEE IN THE CHAIR.

The Chief Constable submitted Statistical Returns for the
Year ended 31st December, 1906.

Resolved,

“ That the Returns be printed, and that a copy be sent to each
City Magistrate and Member of the Council.”

REPORT.

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S OFFICE,

CORPORATION STREET,

23RD JANUARY, 1907.

*To the Chairman and Members
of the Watch Committee.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the Criminal Statistics and other Miscellaneous Returns for the year ending 31st December, 1906.

On the 1st April, 1901, the fixed strength of the Force was increased from 700 to 800 men, and on 1st April, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905 and 1906 it was further increased by 20. It now numbers 900.

An addition to the Force of 20 men every year is authorised by the Council until a total strength of 920 is reached. This strength will be attained during 1907.

The authorised strength of the Police Force on the 31st December last was 900. There were also 19 additional Constables (who are paid for under the Acts 3 and 4 Vict., cap 88, sec. 19). The actual strength was 898; their nationalities being—768 English, 80 Irish, 36 Welsh, 7 Scotch, 1 German, and 1 Dane; their average height being 5 feet 10½ inches.

During the year 9 recruits and young constables have resigned at their own request, 10 on report, 14 were superannuated, 3 died, and 5 received gratuities.

Sixty-one men joined the Force during the year.

Of the 898 effective men, 277 are under five years' service; between five and ten years, 223; between ten and fifteen years, 152; between fifteen and twenty years, 135; between twenty and twenty-five years, 84; and 22 twenty-five years and upwards.

There were 207 members on the Superannuation list on 31st December last, viz., 5 Superintendents, 15 Inspectors, 37 Sergeants, and 150 Constables. In addition to these there are the two children of the late P.C. Snipe, who met with his death in the execution of his duty.

DETECTIVE DEPARTMENT.—This Department consists of 1 Superintendent, 1 Chief Inspector, 5 Inspectors (including 1 Clerk), 13 Sergeants (including 1 Clerk), and 24 Constables) including 4 Clerks). In addition several Constables in plain clothes have been employed at Divisions.

The value of property reported to the Police as having been stolen or fraudulently obtained within the City during the year was £7,642 1s. 11d., of which £4,069 14s. 3d. was recovered, being 53 per cent.

The number of Enquiries, Notices, Information, etc., received from other towns, and requiring attention by the Detective Department, during the year was 8,973.

Property valued at £398 14s. 0d. was recovered for other Forces by the Detective Department.

On referring to Government Table "G" it will be seen that the number of Convicts on License and persons subject to Police Supervision who lived in Birmingham during 1906 is 295. This number includes criminals who have been convicted for almost every class of serious crime. The Detectives have been instrumental in obtaining employment for several of these men, and in many instances those who have been found work have reformed.

**Comparative Return of Chief Offences—Return A—for the
Years 1905 and 1906.**

OFFENCE	1905.		1906.		Increase of Offences.	Decrease of Offences.	REMARKS.
	Total Offences.	Persons Apprehended.	Total Offences.	Persons Apprehended.			
Murder, Adults...	3	3	1	1	—	2	
Attempts to Murder ...	1	1	—	—	—	1	
Manslaughter ...	4	4	1	1	—	3	
Wounding (Misdemeanour) ..	20	27	16	16	—	4	
Offences against "Criminal Law Amendment Act" ...	6	6	4	4	—	2	
Burglary and Housebreaking...	170	65	221	67	51	—	
Warehouse Breaking ...	158	56	179	57	21	—	
Forgery and uttering (Felony)	4	4	6	6	2	—	
Robbery, with violence ...	7	8	7	7	—	—	
Larceny from the Person ...	72	55	134	82	62	—	
Larceny by Servants ...	88	66	112	75	24	—	
Larceny, Simple ...	1514	853	1070	371	—	444	
Embezzlement ...	34	34	36	36	2	—	
Receiving ...	17	20	19	19	2	—	
Obtaining Goods, &c., by False Pretences ...	36	36	40	40	4	—	
Uttering or possessing Counter- feit Coin ...	4	4	10	10	6	—	
Attempted Suicides ...	65	65	93	93	28	—	

MURDER.—William Carroll, Polisher, age 21, was charged with the wilful murder of Clarence Beney on the 14th August, 1906, by striking him on the temple with a pitchfork which caused his death. Carroll was committed to the Assizes, where the charge was reduced to Manslaughter, and he was sentenced to 14 years penal servitude.

MANSLAUGHTER.—John Willock, Labourer, age 38, was charged with causing the death of Joseph Hughes, on the 3rd September, 1906, by striking him. He was committed to the Assizes, and sentenced to three day's imprisonment.

INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—The number for 1906 is 2,005, against 2,256 in 1905. There is an increase of offences in 1906 of burglary and housebreaking, 51; warehouse breaking, 21; forgery and uttering, 2; larceny from the person, 62; larceny (servant), 24; embezzlement, 2; receiving, 2; obtaining goods by false pretences, 4; uttering or possessing counterfeit coin, 6; attempted suicide, 28.

The decreases for the same period are in the following offences, namely, adult murder, 2; attempts to murder, 1; manslaughter, 3; wounding (misdemeanour), 4; offences against Criminal Law Amendment Act, 2; larceny (simple), 444.

As will be seen the total number of Indictable Offences was 2,005, the number of persons proceeded against for these offences being 1,292. The 2,005 crimes are made up as follows.

GOVERNMENT TABLES.

Offences against the Person (these include Murder, Manslaughter, Wounding) and Offences against the Criminal Law Amendment Act	27
Offences against Property with Violence, viz., Burglary, Housebreaking, Shopbreaking, Assaults and Robbery, &c.	488
Offences against Property without Violence, viz., Simple Larceny, Larceny (Person), Larceny (Servant), Embezzlement, &c....	1,420
Malicious Injury to Property	7
Forgery and Offences against the Currency, viz., Forgery, Uttering, Coining, &c. ...	18
Other Offences, viz., Attempted Suicide, &c. ...	100
Total	<hr/> 2,005 <hr/>

The following is a comparative return, for the years 1905 and 1906, of the principal cases dealt with summarily by the Justices :—

Comparative Return of Chief Offences. Persons proceeded against Summarily, Tables B and C, for the years 1905 and 1906.

1905.		1906.		REMARKS.	
NATURE OF OFFENCE.		Number of persons proceeded against.	Number of persons proceeded against.	Increase.	Decrease.
Aggravated Assaults	...	36	38	2	—
Assaults on Police	...	487	337	—	150
Assaults (common)	...	958	988	30	—
Drunkenness	...	3630	3284	—	346
Elementary Education Act	...	2361	2546	185	—
OTHER OFFENCES.					
Vagrancy Act: Begging	...	174	103	—	71
Sleeping out	...	361	335	—	26
Gaming	...	809	597	—	212
Found on enclosed premises	...	44	57	13	—
Keeping Brothels (Criminal Law Amendment Act)	...	52	40	—	12
Prostitutes	...	361	86	—	275
Town Police Clauses Act	} Offences against	3906	3085	—	821
Borough Bye-Laws					
Local Acts & Bye-Laws					
Highway Acts, viz. :					
Bicycles	...	1256	1047	—	209
Offences by Owners & Drivers of Carts	...				
Obstructions and Nuisances...					
Army and Navy Act	...	97	100	3	—
Hackney Carriages, Offences against	...	64	44	—	20

The total number of non-indictable offences tried summarily is 14,407.

The particulars of the Offences tried summarily were made up as follows :—

Assaults	...	...	...	...	1,363
Frequenting	...	...	...	...	87
Brothel Keeping	...	...	...	...	40
Cruelty to Animals	...	...	...	...	297
Prostitution	...	...	...	...	86
Malicious Damage to Property...	...	...	...	...	160
Highway Acts, Offences against, viz. :—Bicycles, Owners and Drivers of Carts, Obstructions and Nuisances, including Motor Cars					
	...	...	...	...	1,047
Elementary Education Acts	...	...	...	...	2,546
Local Acts and Bye-laws	...	...	...	...	3,085
Vagrancy Act, Offences against, viz. :—Begging, Sleeping out, Gaming, &c.					
	...	...	...	...	1,035
Sanitary Laws	...	...	...	...	136
Stage and Hackney Carriage Regulations	...	...	...	...	44
Drunkenness, Permitting Drunkenness, &c.	...	...	...	...	3,291
Army and Navy Acts	...	...	...	...	107
Other Offences	...	...	...	...	1,083
Total					14,407

The method of procedure was as follows :—

Arrested without Warrant	...	...	...	5,920
Arrested on Warrant issued in first instance	...	...	...	63
Arrested on Warrant issued on failure to appear to Summons	...	...	...	110
Proceeded against by Summons	...	...	...	8,314
Total	...	...	...	<u>14,407</u>

The following was the result of proceedings :—

Convicted	...	...	...	11,269
Charge withdrawn (no prosecution)	...	...	...	1,312
Charge dismissed (no evidence)	...	...	...	664
Discharged under Summary Jurisdiction Act, Section 16 (i.)	...	...	...	1,088
Delivered to Naval and Military Authorities, &c.	...	...	...	100
Committed to Industrial School for not attending School, &c.	...	...	...	24
Total	...	...	...	<u>14,407</u>

LICENSING ACTS.

The following Table, which was presented at the last General Annual Licensing Sessions, shows the offences committed by Licensed Victuallers and Beer Sellers, and the Decisions of the Justices, during the 12 months ending 8th February, 1907 :—

LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

Permitting Drunkenness	...	...	...	3
Selling Drink to Drunken Persons...	...	...	...	2
Prohibited Hours	...	...	...	2
Total	...	...	...	<u>7</u>

DECISIONS.

Fined 20s. and costs	...	...	...	1
Fined 10 shillings and costs	...	...	...	1
Withdrawn	...	...	...	3
To pay costs	...	...	...	2
Total	...	...	...	<u>7</u>

BEER SELLERS.

Exposing Wine and Spirits for sale on Sunday	...	...	...	2
Permitting Drunkenness	...	...	...	5
Selling Beer to Drunken Person	...	...	...	2
Refusing to admit the Police	...	...	...	1
Permitting Gambling	...	...	...	1
Drunk on own Premises	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	<u>12</u>

DECISIONS.

Fined 20s. and costs	...	...	...	2
Fined 10s. and costs	...	...	...	1
To pay costs	...	...	...	4
Dismissed	...	...	...	4
Withdrawn	...	...	...	1
Total	...	...	...	<u>12</u>

During the year 1906, 6 persons have been dealt with under the Licensing Act, 1902, sec. 6, and put upon what is popularly called the "Black List," with the following results:—

Not re-convicted	...	...	...	2
Re-convicted once	...	...	...	2
Re-convicted twice	...	...	...	1
Re-convicted three times	...	...	...	1
				<u>6</u>

The total number dealt with under section 6 of the Licensing Act, 1902, during the years 1904, 1905, and 1906, is 43, and of these the following have been subsequently dealt with for drunkenness:—

Re-convicted once	...	...	...	9
Re-convicted twice	...	...	...	7
Re-convicted three times	...	...	...	7
Re-convicted four times	...	...	...	4
Re-convicted six times	...	...	...	2
Re-convicted seven times	...	...	...	1
Re-convicted eight times	...	...	...	1
Re-convicted nine times	...	...	...	2
Re-convicted ten times	...	...	...	1
Re-convicted twenty-three times	...	...	...	1
				—
				35
Not re-convicted	...	...	...	8
				—
				43
				—

The Royal Victoria Homes at Brentry, near Bristol, for habitual inebriates, were opened in 1899; and since then 4 males and 29 females have been sent from this City and admitted. One of these has been committed for 18 months, and the others for three years. The Justices periodically visit the Homes, and have expressed themselves thoroughly satisfied with the arrangements.

The following table shows the number admitted each year:—

PATIENTS FROM BIRMINGHAM AT BRENTRY HOMES.

Year ending 31st December.	Number Received from Birmingham.		Number of Birmingham Patients in Homes on 31st December each year.		Number of Birmingham Vacancies on 31st December each year.		REMARKS.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
1899 .	...	1	...	1	...	14	
1900 ...	...	4	...	4	...	11	
1901 ...	...	5	...	7	...	8	
1902 ...	...	...	...	7	...	8	
1903 ...	1	3	1	7	...	7	
1904 ...	1	3	1	6	...	8	
1905 ...	1	8	2	14	...	Nil	
1906 ...	1	5	2	15	...	nil.	

EDUCATIONAL CLASSES.—During the past year, 67 recruits have been under police instruction at the Police School. 458 classes have been held.

The great variety of matters which the Police are called upon from time to time to deal with, and the responsibilities connected with them when engaged either on day or night duty, are clearly explained; as well as the methods to be adopted in dealing with each case in a proper manner; so as to prevent the commission of crime, and to preserve public order.

A feature of the result of this work is that a number of young constables have been promoted to Merit rank and otherwise rewarded for tact, skill, and energy displayed in the performance of their duties.

Recruits are under daily instruction for about two months, and subsequently for ten months periodically. An examination follows, and, if successful, they receive their appointment, promotion in class and pay, and an official certificate of police instruction.

In addition to the police educational classes referred to, all recruits under one year's service are required to attend night classes during the winter months at Council Schools at Cromwell Street, Nelson Street, and Highgate Street; rooms having been set apart for the instruction of the police by the kindness of the Education Committee. The handwriting and composition of reports have considerably improved since these classes have been established.

CORONER'S INQUESTS.—There have been during the year 500 Inquests, and the following show the finding of the Juries:—

Murder	2
Manslaughter	3
Suicide	58
Natural causes	122
Accidents	293
Disease aggravated by neglect by others ...	2
Other causes	20
Total	<hr/> 500 <hr/>

INSPECTION OF THEATRES AND MUSIC HALLS.—During the year 1,256 visits of inspection were made by the Police Inspectors to theatres and places licensed for music.

STRAY DOGS.—During the year 1,525 dogs were removed from the streets, 44 of which were restored to their owners and 1,481 sent to the Dog's Home, New Canal Street.

LOST CHILDREN.—During the year 2,099 lost children were found by the Police; and 2,084 were restored to their parents or friends; and 15 sent to the Workhouse.

PREMISES INSECURE.—During the year the number of premises found insecure by the Police was 5,220.

PUBLIC CARRIAGE DEPARTMENT.

HACKNEY CARRIAGES.—There are 417 Hackney Carriages licensed to ply for public hire in the City. This is a decrease of 29 as compared with my previous Report. During the year a monthly inspection of these vehicles has been held, with the result that ten cabs have been rejected as being unfit for further public service; and the plates of 26 cabs have been returned by proprietors who did not see their way to put the vehicles in order for a renewal of license.

Seven new Hackney Carriages have been licensed for public hire.

There is a steady decrease in this class of vehicle, due no doubt to the increased facilities for cheap transit by electric tram cars, motor omnibuses, etc. In my opinion, the time has arrived for the proprietors of cabs to seriously consider the advisability of adopting cheaper fares. For instance, a sixpenny fare in the centre of the City, would no doubt bring many patrons for cabs; as the present minimum fare of one shilling operates adversely with persons desiring to ride a short distance.

STAGE CARRIAGES.—There are 222 Stage Carriages licensed in the City, made up as follows :—

Horse Omnibuses	...	...	105
Motor Omnibuses	...	...	17
Char-a-bancs	...	...	100

In comparing these figures with my previous Report there is a decrease of 11, viz :—4 horse omnibuses ; 2 motor omnibuses ; and 5 char-a-bancs.

MOTOR OMNIBUSES.—During the year 9 new 40 h.p. Brush Motor Omnibuses have been placed on the Hagley Road route ; and the licenses of 9 Milnes-Daimler Omnibuses, 1 Wolseley Omnibus and 1 Durkopp Omnibus have been allowed to lapse.

TRAM CARS.—896 Tram Cars, viz. :—218 Electric Cars, 44 Cable, 71 Steam, and 8 Horse Cars were licensed in the City up to December 31st last.

This is an increase of 29 Electric Cars, which are running on the new routes operated by the Corporation.

The old Steam Trams ran for the last time in the City on the 31st December.

DRIVERS AND CONDUCTORS.—The total number of men licensed to act as Drivers and Conductors of public vehicles is 2,700. They may be classified as follows :—

Hackney Carriage Drivers...	...	...	615
Stage Carriage Drivers	..	...	386
Stage Carriage Conductors	...	...	350
Tram Drivers...	...	...	652
Tram Conductors	...	...	697
Total	...	...	<u>2,700</u>

Comparing these figures with my report of 1905 there is a decrease of 52 men holding licenses.

The total amount received as fees for the licensing of Public Carriages and Drivers and Conductors is £508 2s. 0d.

LOST PROPERTY.—During the year 4,872 articles, of the estimated value of £490 0s. 0d., have been found in public vehicles, and delivered at the Lost Property Office by Drivers and Conductors. Of these, 2,004 have been returned to the owners; 981 unclaimed articles have been handed to the finders; and 1,887 articles are still awaiting claimants.

The following list gives an idea of the variety of property inadvertently left in public vehicles by passengers:—

Umbrellas	...	...	...	...	1,701
Walking Sticks	...	...	...	...	118
Loose Money (Lots) (value £12 4s. 7d.)	...	...	...	...	39
Cheque (value £5 14s. 0d.)	...	...	...	...	1
Purses (containing £171 14s. 8d.)	...	...	...	...	481
Post Office Orders (value 15s. 0d.)	...	...	...	...	4
Articles of Wearing Apparel	...	...	...	...	370
Parcels	...	...	...	...	291
Gloves (pairs)	...	...	...	...	301
Ditto (odd)	...	...	...	...	29
Boots (pairs)	...	...	...	...	60
Ditto (odd)	...	...	...	...	12
Books	...	...	...	...	365
Bags	...	...	...	...	332
Spectacles (pairs)	...	...	...	...	96
Opera Glasses	...	...	...	...	14
Pipes	...	...	...	...	55
Watches	...	...	...	...	14
Articles of Jewellery	...	...	...	...	167
Tools	...	...	...	...	74
Pictures	...	...	...	...	23
Sundries	...	...	...	...	325
Total					4,872

The sundries include a mincing machine, a roasting jack, set of Indian clubs, shaving outfit, bottles of hair restorer, and a Christmas pudding.

CABMEN'S SHELTERS.—Twenty-one Shelters for the use of Cabmen are owned by the Corporation, who provide coal, gas and water free of charge. These Shelters are under the special supervision of the Police attached to the Public Carriage Department, who visit the Shelters daily. As a result of these visits two cabmen have been dealt with during the year for wasting the gas provided at the Shelters.

MOTOR CAR ACT, 1903.—The duty of licensing drivers and registering cars, &c., is performed by the Staff of the Public Carriage Department.

There are now 2,451 Motor vehicles registered in the City, of which 1,203 are Cars and 1,248 Cycles. During the year registrations in respect of 362 Cars and 273 Cycles were issued; the ownership of 237 Cars and 273 Cycles has been transferred; and the registrations of 30 Cars and 29 Cycles have been cancelled.

The number of persons licensed to drive Motor Cars and Cycles is 1,663. 837 of these licenses are renewals, and 826 new licenses have been issued during the year.

Thirty-one Manufacturers' or Dealers' General Identification Marks have been allotted. This is an increase of five as compared with my previous Report.

The amount received during the year as fees for licenses and registrations was £1,025 3s. 6d.; and the total amount of revenue derived during the period the Act has been in force is £3,142 0s. 6d.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.—During the year there have been Registered and Licensed 1,053 premises, which is a decrease of 27 compared with last year.

PETROLEUM ACTS, 1871 to 1881.—The number of premises licensed under the Petroleum Acts, has been 357 for Petroleum (spirit) and 75 for Carbide of Calcium, making a total of 432 premises, as against 409 last year, which show an increase of 23 premises licensed.

The following is a list of the businesses in which Petroleum (spirit) is used in manufacturing processes, and otherwise, in this City, which are under the license and supervision of this Local Authority :—

Art Metal Workers	...	...	...	...	8
Bedstead Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	28
Brass Founders	...	...	...	...	34
Button, Pin and Hook and Eye Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	15
Coffin Manufacturers...	...	...	...	...	7
Dry Cleaners	...	...	...	...	8
Drysalts and Chemists	...	...	...	...	58
Edge Tool Makers	...	...	...	...	7
Cold Lacquer Manufacturers ..	...	...	...	...	6
Cycle Accessories Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	7
Gas Works	...	...	...	...	6
Glass Silverers	...	...	...	...	5
Iron Founders	...	...	...	...	11
Iron and Tin Plate Workers	...	...	...	...	48
Jewellers	...	...	...	...	4
Japan, Varnish, and Paint Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	15
Motor and Cycle Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	45
Motor Cars (Owners of)	...	...	...	...	16
Oil Merchants	...	...	...	...	8
Perambulator Wheel Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	3
Rubber and Tyre Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	9
Scale Makers	...	...	...	...	5
Tube Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	3
Waterproof Garment Manufacturers...	...	...	...	...	4
Wire Workers	...	...	...	...	6

In addition to the foregoing there are also a few other businesses in which Petroleum (spirit) is used, and under the license of this Local Authority :—

- One Licensed Victualler, who has a plant for lighting purposes.
- One Manufacturer of Gold and Silver Paints.
- One Paper Manufacturer
- One Umbrella Furniture Manufacturer.
- One Painter.

There has been no report of any fire occurring on these premises during the year, arising from the storage or use of the Petroleum (spirit).

Not shown in the returns there are 967 private premises where light locomotives are kept, the occupiers of which are exempt from license by an Order made by the Secretary of State.

Cycle dealers and others to the number of 84 have taken advantage of an Order in Council which exempts them from license for the keeping of Carbide of Calcium up to 28lbs.

CHILDREN LICENSED TO TRADE IN THE STREETS.—Although before this is published your Committee will have reported to the City Council on the subject, I think it right to include the following in my Report:—

Two years have now elapsed since the Byelaws hereon made by the Council, under the provisions of the Employment of Children Act, 1908, came into operation.

The staff specially devoted to this work consists of one Sergeant and two Constables. With them are associated three other Constables, who are primarily engaged as Probation Officers in connection with the Children's Court. The work of the Probation Officers is similar in many respects to that of the Officers engaged in the Street Trading work.

The Constables on street duty take their part in the detection of cases of breach of the Bye-laws.

The children licensed consist of two classes, viz., those under 14 who are called non-exempt, and those over 14, who are exempt from school attendance. Two sorts of badges are issued, a red one for non-exempt children, and a black one for those exempt from school attendance.

When applications for licenses are received, the homes of the children are visited and their circumstances are fully enquired into and recorded.

During the year 1905, 3,454 applications were received for licenses and badges. Of these, 394 were refused or postponed for the following reasons :—

Not having consent of parents	...	...	...	160
Applications withdrawn	...	...	...	94
Wrong addresses given	...	...	...	58
Under age (11 years)	...	...	...	45
Physically unfit	...	...	...	5
Over age (license unnecessary)	...	...	...	9
Duplicate applications	...	...	...	27
Still under consideration at end of December,				
1905	...	...	...	56
Total	...	...	...	<u>394</u>

Section 2 (1) of the Act, with Section 7 of the Bye-laws, provide that the license shall not be refused to any person applying for it within the ages of 11 and 16 years, except on the ground of unfitness by reason of physical or mental deficiency to trade in the streets, or that he or she has not obtained the consent of the parents or guardians.

During the year 1905, 3,060 children were licensed as follows :—

		Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 14	...	2,161	198	2,354
Over 14	...	635	71	706
Total	...	<u>2,796</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>3,060</u>

In the same period, 621 badges and licenses were returned as follows :—

		Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 14	...	454	22	476
Over 14	...	184	11	145
Total	...	<u>588</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>621</u>

The following reasons were given for the return of badges :—

Obtained other employment...	...	...	316
Over 16 years	...	...	45
Not required	...	...	227
Left City	...	...	9
Sent to Industrial Schools and other Institutions	...	...	24
Total	...	...	<u>621</u>

On December 31st, 1905, the following number of children remained registered as licensed to trade in the streets:—

	Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Under 14	1,718	170	1,888
Over 14	495	61	556
Total	<u>2,208</u>	<u>231</u>	<u>2,439</u>

At the end of 1905 the whole of the existing licenses were renewed for the year 1906 by resolution of the Committee.

During the year 1906 there have been 1,271 applications, out of which the following have been refused :—

Not having consent of parents	...	...	61
Wrong address given	...	...	7
Applications withdrawn	...	...	17
Under age (11 years)	...	...	20
Physically unfit	...	...	2
Total	...	...	<u>107</u>

During the same period, 1,271 children were newly licensed. The total licenses issued were as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 14	1,112	84	1,196
Over 14	70	5	75
Total	<u>1,182</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>1,271</u>

During the same period, 1,320 badges were returned :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 14	869	66	935
Over 14	343	42	385
Total	<u>1,212</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>1,320</u>

The following were the reasons given for the return of the badges :—

Obtained other employment	...	...	603
Over 16 years	...	..	88
Not required ...	...	...	586
Left the City ...	...	...	9
Deceased	...	...	2
Sent to Industrial School and other Institutions	...	...	32
Total ... ..	...	...	<u>1,320</u>

On December 31st, 1906, the following children remained on register of licenses :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 14	1,687	150	1,787
Over 14	541	62	603
Total	<u>2,178</u>	<u>212</u>	<u>2,390</u>

The following is a brief synopsis of the number of applications for licenses dealt with during the past two years :—

Year.	Applica- tions.	Refused or Post- poned.	Granted.		Total.	Badges Returned.		Licensed at end of Year.		Total.
			Male.	Female.		Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	
1905	3,454	394	2,796	264	3,060	588	33	2,208	231	2,439
1906	1,378	107	1,182	89	1,271	1,212	108	2,178	212	2,390

A small Sub-Committee of the Watch Committee is appointed to deal with children who commit breaches of the Bye-laws. The meetings of this Sub-Committee are held in the evening, when the children and their parents are summoned to attend. In minor cases they are cautioned; in more serious cases the licenses are suspended, and in still more serious cases, proceedings are taken before the Justices, either against the children or their parents.

By these means the Sub-Committee is brought into touch with the parents, and in many cases is able to induce them to get employment for their children, or to remove them from the streets.

The cases of street trading children have also been specially looked into and given preferential consideration by the Police Aided Association for Clothing Destitute Children.

By arrangement with the City Justices the Watch Committee has dealt with the cases of all children licensed to trade in the streets, who had committed minor offences against the City Bye-laws, such as shouting in the streets, obstruction, jostling, gambling, sleeping out, &c. By this means a considerable number of cases have been dealt with by your Committee, instead of being sent to the Children's Court.

In 1905 the Watch Committee dealt with 279 cases, and in 1906, with 339 cases in which children had committed breaches of the Bye-laws and rules of their licenses for street trading, or such minor offences as above referred to.

The total number of parents and guardians summoned before the Justices for the two years was 55, out of which 22 have been fined; the fines ranging from 1s. to 40s. and costs.

Two employers of children licensed to trade in the street have been summoned for allowing them to trade on Sundays, and one employer has been summoned for employing an unlicensed child. In each case a fine was imposed.

In addition to proceedings against parents, guardians, and employers of street trading children, 53 licensed boys have been brought before the Justices during the two years for committing

felonies, and other offences, such as sleeping out, &c. These charges being withdrawn, and charges of not being under proper guardianship substituted :—22 were sent to Industrial Schools, 6 to Reformatories, and the remaining 25 discharged with a caution.

The Bye-laws and Regulations have had a marked effect on the conduct of the children in the streets; they are more orderly and civil; and it is now an exception to see any boy or girl under the age of 16 trading in the streets after 9 p.m. The good effects of the Bye-laws on street shouting has been most marked.

It may be interesting to quote the following paragraph from the annual report of the Education Committee for 1905, page 98 :—
“The system of granting licenses for street trading has resulted in a considerable improvement in the attendance of the children at school, and also in an improvement generally in the conditions in which they were previously employed.”

Many people seem to misunderstand the duties and responsibilities of the Watch Committee with regard to Street Trading of Children.

Although called a Licensing system, it is really a restraining and controlling system.

The Watch Committee does not put the children on the streets to trade; but it cannot withhold the grant of a License, except as indicated on page 22, under Section 2 of the Employment of Children Act, 1903, coupled with Section 7 of the Byelaws.

The granting of a License, however, at once puts the child under a certain kind of supervision and control; and the system has shown remarkably good results.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.—On the 31st December, 1906, 863 members of the Force had passed the first examination, and out of that number 773 had passed the second, 686 the third, 600 the revision. Eight hold Nursing Certificates.

Four members are in possession of medals for saving life; 24 members hold the Royal Humane Society's certificate for resuscitation, and two members hold certificates for saving life from fire.

Forty-two certificated members have left the Force during the year.

811 members have successfully passed the various examinations during the year.

The amount of work done by the members of the Association in the Force during the year has proved very satisfactory, as 1,195 cases have been recorded in which First Aid has been rendered.

The Watch Committee have rewarded 23 members of the Force, and complimented four others for their promptness and skill in rendering First Aid.

The following are a few of the special cases where exceptional ability has been displayed :—

1.—P.C. A 59 Hooper was called to a yard in Allison Street, where he found a child lying unconscious, having just been rescued from a disused well in the court. Hooper applied artificial respiration for ten minutes, the child then regained consciousness, and was removed home by order of the doctor. Hooper was awarded one guinea by the Watch Committee, also the Royal Humane Society's Certificate for resuscitation.

2.—P.C. A 53 Barker was called to the canal side in Fazeley Street. A man had been taken out of canal, and was lying on the towing path unconscious. Barker at once applied artificial respiration, assisted by P.C. 88 D Rouse. They continued the treatment for fifty-five minutes, when the man so far recovered as to permit of his removal to the hospital. Barker and Rouse were each awarded one guinea by the Watch Committee, and Certificates by the Royal Humane Society for resuscitation.

3.—P.C. 110 C Veasey was called to a house in Newtown Row, and found a woman unconscious in bed, in consequence of fumes from a broken gas pipe escaping into the room.

Veasey applied artificial respiration for seventy minutes before the woman recovered sufficiently to be removed to the hospital. Veasey was awarded the 1st Stripe of Merit by the Watch Committee, and the Certificate for resuscitation by the Royal Humane Society.

4.—P.C.'s E 19 Carty and E 124 Guy were called to the canal side, where they found a boy who had been rescued in an unconscious state from the canal. The P.C.'s applied artificial respiration for forty-five minutes before the boy showed signs of recovery. Carty and Guy have been awarded the Royal Humane Society's Certificate for resuscitation. They have also been rewarded by the Watch Committee.

5.—P.C. A 165 Smith was awarded a guinea for his skilful treatment in a case where a man had attempted suicide by swallowing spirit of salt.

6.—P.C. 135 C Lancaster was awarded one guinea for his skilful treatment of a compound complicated fracture of the leg.

7.—P.C. 39 D Twitt was called to a woman who had a burst varicose vein in the leg. The Constable experienced great difficulty in arresting the hæmorrhage in consequence of the condition of the leg; he managed, however, to apply pressure to the femoral artery by means of an improvised tourniquet. He was awarded the 1st Stripe of Merit by the Watch Committee.

8.—P.C. E 141 Conway was awarded the 1st Stripe of Merit for his skilful treatment in two cases where large arteries had been severed.

9.—P.C. 97 C Williams was called to a house and found a man unconscious through inhaling gas fumes. Williams applied artificial respiration for thirty-five minutes before the man showed signs of recovery. The Watch Committee awarded him one guinea.

10.—P.C. 89 B Croft was awarded the 1st Stripe of Merit for rescuing a woman from the canal, and rendering First Aid.

In addition to the above, the following cases were also dealt with:—

Two cases of bleeding from burst varicose veins;
 Four cases of severe bleeding from arteries;
 Three cases of persons taking poisons; and
 One case of extensive burns on face and neck.

In these cases the officers have been rewarded or complimented, and in most of the cases the doctors have stated that the lives of the persons have been saved.

The cases treated during the year are as follows:—

Wounds	565
Fractures	116
Fits (various)	286
Sprains	29
Dislocations	16
Bites of Animals	12
Apparently Drowned	9
Suffocation by Gas	2
Burst Varicose Veins	9
Abrasions	22
Burns and Scalds	26
Poisoning	33
Concussion of Brain	12
Hanging	2
Injuries not classified	56
Total	1,195

At the various Police Stations in the City there are 15 Hand Ambulances fully equipped with First Aid dressings, and fitted with folding handles so that, if necessary, they may be put inside the Horse Ambulance. 270 persons have been conveyed to the different institutions on the above ambulances for treatment.

The calls for the Horse Ambulance have again increased, so much that on several occasions a second call has been made when

the Ambulance has been engaged. 549 cases have been attended to during the year (as against 450 for 1905), viz. :—381 accidents or sudden illnesses, and 168 private removals.

The second Competition for the Rowland Mason Challenge Cup, for teams representing the various Divisions of the Force, was held in April last, when the team from the A Division were successful in winning the Cup.

A new pouch has been issued to members of the Force, containing (a) pad with roller bandage attached, (b) pad of lint, all of which are antiseptic. The pads and bandage are wrapped in wax paper in order to keep them clean. In addition to the above a triangular bandage is carried. These are enclosed in a waterproof washable rubber case, which is carried in a linen pouch.

Captain the Hon. C. G. Legge, His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary for the Midland Counties, inspected the Force on the 29th and 30th of June last, and expressed himself satisfied with its efficiency.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES HAUGHTON RAFTER,

Chief Constable

INDICTABLE AND NON-INDICTABLE TABLES,
A TO H.

With three other tables having reference to licensed houses and drunkenness.

SYNOPSIS OF GOVERNMENT TABLES,
CRIMINAL AND OTHERWISE.

Indictable Offences, Crimes Committed, Apprehensions and Proceedings	TABLE A.
Non-Indictable Offences, Apprehensions and Proceedings	B.
Cases tried Summarily. Proceedings and Results	C.
Cases tried Summarily. Age and sex of the Offenders	D.
Quasi-criminal Proceedings	E.
Monthly Returns of Indictable Offences and Apprehensions	F.
Persons under Police Supervision	G.
Suspected Persons at large, and houses of bad character	H.

Return 1—Number of Licensed Houses, etc.

2—Offences by Licensed Holders.

3—Convictions for Drunkenness.

RETURN A.—INDICTABLE OFFENCES.—CRIMES

OFFENCE.	Number of Crimes Committed.	Persons Apprehended.					
		Total Number.			Apprehended.		
					Without Warrant.	On Warrant issued in First Instance.	On Warrant issued on Failure to appear to Summons.
		M.	F.	Total.			
Murder of Persons aged above one year . . .	1	...	1	1	1	..	...
Attempt to Murder . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manslaughter	1	...	1	1	1	...	...
Wounding and other Acts endangering Life . . .	3	...	3	3	2	1	...
Endangering Railway Passengers . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious wounding and other like offences (Mis- demeanors)	16	1	15	16	15	1	...
Abandoning Children under two years . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Procuring Abortion . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Concealment of Birth . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indecency with Males	1	...	1	1	1	...	...
Indecent Assaults on Females . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Defilement of Girls under 13	1	...	1	1	1	...	...
Defilement of Girls under 16	3	...	3	3	3	...	...
Bigamy...	1	...	1	1	..	1	...
Sacrilege (robbing places of worship)	2	...	2	2	2	...	...
Burglary	40	1	30	31	30	1	...
Housebreaking.. . . .	181	1	35	36	36	...	...
Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, &c.	179	1	56	57	55	2	...
Attempts to break into Houses, Shops, Warehouses, &c...	14	...	5	5	5	...	...
Possession of Housebreaking Tools, &c.	8	...	8	8	8	...	...
Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob . . .	7	...	7	7	7	...	...
Extortion by Threats	2	...	2	2	2	...	...
Larceny of Horses, Cattle, and Sheep	3	...	3	3	2	1	...
Larceny from the Person	134	31	51	82	82	..	...
Larceny by a Servant	112	9	66	75	71	4	...
Embezzlement	36	1	35	36	26	9	1
Larceny of Post Letters	2	...	2	2	2	...	...
Simple larceny and minor larcenies	1070	105	626	731	725	6	...
Obtaining Goods, &c., by false pretences . . .	40	6	34	40	25	13	2
Frauds by Agents, Trustees, Directors, &c. . .	2	...	2	2	1	1	...
Falsifying Accounts	1	...	1	1	...	1	..
Receiving Stolen Goods	19	6	13	19	19	...	...
Offences in connection with Bankruptcy . . .	1	...	1	1	...	1	...
Malicious Injuries	7	...	7	7	7	...	...
Forgery and uttering (Felony)	6	...	6	6	5	1	...
Coining...	2	...	2	2	2	...	...
Uttering or possessing Counterfeit Coin . . .	10	1	9	10	10	...	...
Perjury	1	...	1	1	...	1	...
Habitual Drunkenness	6	5	1	6	6	...	...
Suicide (attempting to commit)	93	38	55	93	93	...	...
TOTAL	2005	206	1086	1292	1245	44	3

NOTE.—The number of Larcenies, &c., committed, as stated above, is inclusive of 507 cases where the

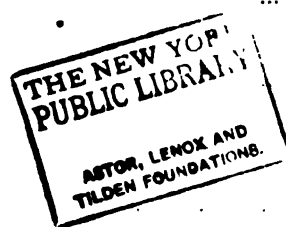
COMMITTED.—APPREHENSIONS AND PROCEEDINGS.

Disposal of Persons Apprehended.								Persons (not apprehended) appearing to Summons.			Disposal of Persons appearing to Summons.							Persons whose cases were pending at the end of the year.
On withdrawal of Prosecution.	On the Evidence.	Discharged (Acquitted).	Convicted.	Sent to Prison.	Released on Bail.	Bailed to come up for further Examination when required.	Dis- charged.				On withdrawal of Prosecution.	On the Evidence.	Discharged (Acquitted).	Convicted.	Sent to Prison.	Released on Bail.	Bailed to come up for further Examination when required.	
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
4	2	...	...	8	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	4	...	...	25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	10	...	...	24	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	4	...	...	49	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	
...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	6	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11	22	...	...	26	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9	1	6	52	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	3	...	31	1	...	...	4	...	4	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	215	422	90	4	...	21	...	21	...	1	18	2	...	...	...	...
4	7	...	17	11	1	...	4	...	4	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	2	...	8	6	...	...	1	1	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	7	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
93	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
131	71	221	562	287	20	...	36	1	37	7	5	20	5	...	...	...	...

property stolen was of less value than 5s., and no person was apprehended or proceeded against,

RETO

OFFENCES.	Fine.	Recognizances with or without sureties.			Cases in which a Second Punishment is added.			Otherwise disposed of.
		Probation of First Offenders Act.	Summary Jurisdiction Act, sec. 16 (2).	Special Statute.	Whipping	Recognizances, with or without sureties		
(A.) Indictable Offences tried Summarily.								
Simple Larceny	119	3	34	...	...	...	...
Larceny from the Person	3	...	1	...	...	...	...
Larceny by a Servant	24	1	7	...	...	...	...
Embezzlement	16	...	2	...	...	...	...
Obtaining Goods, &c., by False Pretences	9	...	...	...	...	...	...
Receiving Stolen Goods	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
Endangering Railway Passengers	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Habitual Drunkenness ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
	175	4	44	...	...	..	6
(B.) Other Offences tried Summarily.								
Adulteration of Food and Drugs ..	60	...	...	...	...	...	...
Assaults, Aggravated	17	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto, on Constable	232	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto, Common	391	...	86	...	...	...	...
Betting and Gaming	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brothel Keeping (Crim. Law Amend. Act, 1885, s. 1)	25	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cruelty to Animals	190	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cruelty to Children	7	...	4	...	...	...	...
Dogs, Offences in relation to ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Elementary Education Acts, Offences against	1940	...	...	...	...	...	...
Explosives, Offences in relation to	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unlawful Possession of Game, &c. (Game Laws)	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
Offences by Owners and Drivers of Carts (Highways)	117	...	...	...	...	...	...
Obstructions and Nuisances (ditto)	548	...	...	...	...	...	...
Locomotives (other than Motor Cars) (ditto)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Motor Cars (ditto)	19	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bicycles (ditto)	49	
Indecent Advertisements	4	
Indecent Exposure	4	
Drunkenness, simple	



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RETURN D.—CASES TRIED SUMMARILY.—

(a)—Indictable Offences tried Summarily.

OFFENCES.	Total Con- victed.	Sex of Persons Convicted.	
		Males.	Fe- males.
A.—Indictable Offences tried Summarily.			
Simple Larceny & Offences punishable as Simple Larceny	424	362	62
Larceny from the Person	26	19	7
Larceny by a Servant	52	50	2
Embezzlement	32	31	1
Obtaining Goods, &c., by False Pretences	18	17	1
Receiving Stolen Goods	8	7	1
Endangering Railway Passengers	1	1	...
Habitual Drunkenness	6	1	5
TOTAL	567	488	79
B.—Other Offences tried Summarily.			
Assaults—Aggravated	9	9	...
Assaults—On Constable	296	269	27
Assaults—Common	353	322	31
Brothel Keeping	9	5	4
Cruelty to Animals	1	1	...
Cruelty to or Neglect of Children	5	5	...
Obstructions and Nuisances	31	28	3
Indecent Advertisements	10	10	...
Indecent Exposure	11	10	1
Drunkenness, Simple	385	319	66
Drunkenness, with Aggravations	2238	1894	344
Habitual Drunkards Purchasing or Obtaining Drink	1	...	1
Employment of Children Acts	1	1	...
Malicious Damage	82	72	10
Unlawful Pledging	5	2	3
Borough Bye-Laws, Offences against	841	786	55
Neglecting to Maintain Family, &c.	29	27	2
Misbehaviour by Paupers	39	35	4
Stealing or Destroying Workhouse Clothes	1	1	...
Offences by License Holders	8	3	...
Offences by Supervisors	8	7	1
Special Offences by twice-convicted Persons	12	12	...
Prostitution (Prostitutes soliciting, behaving in a riotous and indecent manner, &c.)	71	...	71
Railways, Offences in relation to	100	100	...
Stealing Growing Fruit, Plants, Vegetables &c.	1	1	...
Vagrancy Act—Begging	68	68	...
Vagrancy Act—Sleeping out	184	150	34
Vagrancy Act—Gaming, &c.	133	133	...
Vagrancy Act—Found in Inclosed Premises	32	32	...
Vagrancy Act—Frequenting	46	45	1
Vagrancy Act—Living on Prostitute's earnings	1	1	...
Vagrancy Act—Other Offences	1	1	...
Pirated Music (Act of 1906)	3	3	...
TOTAL	5010	4352	658

AGE AND SEX OF OFFENDERS.

(b)—Non-Indictable Offences.

AGE OF PERSONS CONVICTED.															
Under 12 years.		12 to 16.		16 to 21.		21 to 30.		30 to 40.		40 to 50.		50 to 60.		Above 60.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
3	1	30	11	120	12	89	13	66	12	27	10	20	2	7	1
3	...	1	1	9	4	4	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	1	...	13	2	15	...	16	...	3	...	2	...	...	...
...	...	2	...	9	...	12	1	4	...	2	...	1	...	1	...
...	4	...	6	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	3	...
...	1	...	2	...	2	...	2	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...
6	1	35	12	156	19	128	17	92	16	37	11	23	2	11	1
...	3	...	2	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
...	46	1	118	12	82	10	18	3	1	1	4	...
...	...	2	...	32	5	135	14	81	8	57	4	11	...	4	...
...	2	...	2	3	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	3	...	1	...	...	...
...	...	4	...	14	...	8	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	5	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	3	1	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
...	12	1	62	8	67	18	91	23	53	6	34	10
...	134	16	633	111	632	170	343	69	121	12	31	6
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	1	1	13	...	26	2	15	2	10	4	5	...	2	1
...	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
...	...	4	...	113	14	244	24	227	10	126	3	58	3	14	1
...	5	...	17	2	5	...	...	...	...	...
...	13	...	7	2	11	...	1	1	3	1
...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
...	2	...	2	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...	8	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
...	8	...	16	...	31	...	12	...	2	...	2
...	...	8	...	37	...	27	...	14	...	10	...	2	...	2	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	2	...	12	...	21	...	17	...	8	...	8	...
...	...	7	1	36	...	44	4	24	9	18	8	12	5	9	7
...	...	3	...	85	...	33	...	9	...	2	...	...	...	1	...
...	...	2	...	18	...	7	...	1	...	2	...	2	...	...	...
...	...	1	...	24	...	15	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	1	...
...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	32	2	579	45	1408	198	1217	227	725	127	276	31	115	28

RETURN E.-QUASI-CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.

SUBJECT OF PROCEEDINGS.	Number of Applications made.	Number of Orders made.	ORDERS ENFORCED BY IMPRISONMENT.					
			TERM OF IMPRISONMENT.					
			Over 6 months.	6 months and over 3.	3 months and over 2.	2 months and over 1.	1 month and over 14 days.	14 days and under.
SURETIES—								
Order to find Sureties to Keep the Peace or for Good Behaviour	119	68	16	...	...	...	...	16
CONDUCTING TO COMMISSION OF OFFENCES—								
Orders on Parents under Youthful Offenders Act, 1901 (sec. 2)	6	1	...	...	...	...	3	...
BASTARDY ORDERS	136	120	3	...	...	...	...	...
MARRIED WOMEN—								
Maintenance Orders under the Summary Jurisdiction (Married Women) Act, 1895	128	102	19	...	...	...	19	...
CHILDREN—								
Order for payment of Maintenance under—								
Industrial Schools Act, 1866	51	46	1	...	...	...	1	...
Reformatory Schools Act, 1866	12	12	2	...	...	...	1	...
GOODS IN POSSESSION OF POLICE—Orders with respect thereto (Police (Property) Act, 1897, sec. 1)				...	...	...	...	3
GOODS UNLAWFULLY DETAINED—Order for Restoration (2 and 3 Vic., cap. 71, Sec. 40)				...	...	...	...	36
GOODS FRAUDULENTLY REMOVED TO AVOID PAYMENT OF RENT—Orders to pay double value (Distress for Rent Act)				...	...	...	...	2
EMPLOYERS AND WORKMEN—Orders under Employers and Workmen Act, 1875 ... ..				...	...	...	...	42
SCHOOLS—Orders made under the Elementary Education Act, 1876, sec. 11 ... ..				...	...	...	...	148
Orders made under the Industrial Schools Act, 1866, sec. 14 ... ..				...	...	...	...	47
Elementary Education Act, 1876, sec. 12 ... ..				...	...	...	...	24
CUSTODY OF CHILDREN—Orders under the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Act, 1904, secs. 5, 6 and 9				...	...	...	...	2
SANITARY LAW—Orders dealing with Nuisances				...	...	...	...	11
Orders prohibiting use of Houses Unfit for Human Habitation ... ..				...	...	...	...	34
Orders for Destruction of Unsound Meat ... ..				...	...	...	...	51
Orders for Removal of Dead Bodies ... ..				...	...	...	...	1
DOGS—Orders to keep under Control ... ..				...	...	...	...	2
Orders to Destroy ... ..				...	...	...	...	2
INDECENT PHOTOGRAPHS, &c.—Orders to Destroy (Obscene Publications Act, 1857, sec. 1)				...	...	...	...	2
PIRATED MUSICAL WORKS—Orders for forfeiture or to destroy (Musical Copyright Act, 1902 and 1906)				...	...	...	...	3
POOR LAW—Order for Maintenance of Wife, Family, &c. ... ..				...	...	...	...	12
SEPARATION ORDERS—Orders granted to Husbands of Habitual Drunkards (Licensing Act, 1902, sec. 5 (2))				...	...	...	...	5
Orders granted to Wives for other causes				...	...	...	...	47
SMALL TENEMENTS—Orders for Possession ... ..				...	...	...	...	54
VACCINATION—Orders to Vaccinate ... ..				...	...	...	...	19
VOLUNTEERS—Orders for Payment of Subscriptions, &c. ... ..				...	...	...	...	3

RETURN B. — Number of Crimes (Indictable Offences) Committed, and of Apprehensions in each Month of the Year.

OFFENCE.	CRIMES COMMITTED.												APPREHENSIONS.											
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Murder (of persons aged above one year) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Attempt to Murder ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Manslaughter ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wounding and other Acts endangering Life (felonies) ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Malicious wounding and other like offences (Misdemeanors) ...	4	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	4	2	...	1	...	2	1	3	...	3	...	...
Concealment of Birth ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indecency with Males ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Indecent Assaults on Females ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Defilement of Girls under 13 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Defilement of Girls under 16 ...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Bigamy ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sacrilege (robbing places of worship) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burglary ...	8	4	3	3	2	...	2	2	6	2	4	6	7	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Housebreaking ...	34	14	16	10	5	6	7	9	8	19	27	26	5	1	1	3	4	...	6	4	6	...	3	3
Breaking into Shops, Warehouses, &c. ...	23	16	12	10	13	10	13	10	17	22	15	20	8	9	2	6	2	8	4	3	3	5	4	3
Attempt to Break into Houses, Shops, Warehouses, &c. ...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	2	3	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Possession of Housebreaking Tools ...	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...
Robbery and Assaults with intent to Rob ...	...	...	1	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	1
Extortion by Threats ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny of Horses, Cattle, and Sheep ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Larceny from the Person ...	6	14	7	20	8	5	12	20	11	10	11	10	4	13	2	15	7	5	9	9	3	7	3	5
Larceny by a Servant ...	11	9	9	12	11	8	4	9	10	12	8	9	9	7	6	9	8	4	4	8	7	6	5	4
Embezzlement ...	11	5	2	2	1	1	1	3	4	3	2	1	11	5	2	2	1	1	1	3	4	3	2	1
Larceny of Post Letters ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Simple larceny and other equivalent offences ...	98	83	69	76	75	70	90	101	78	83	128	119	52	51	52	57	62	64	68	55	47	70	88	90
Obtaining Goods, &c., by false pretences ...	4	6	...	3	1	3	5	2	2	6	2	6	4	6	...	3	1	3	5	2	2	6	2	6
Frauds by Agents, Trustees, Directors, &c. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Falsifying Accounts ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Receiving stolen goods ...	1	2	3	1	5	1	1	3	...	2	...	...	1	2	3	1	5	1	1	3	...	2	...	...
Offences in connection with Bankruptcy ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malicious Injuries ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Forgery and Uttering (Felony) ...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coining ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Uttering or possessing Counterfeit Coin ...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	...
Perjury ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Habitual Drunkenness ...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Suicide (attempt to commit) ...	6	2	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	3	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL ...	211	163	133	158	130	119	152	181	151	182	211	214	116	105	81	118	104	98	119	110	89	125	122	132

RETURN G.—PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.

POLICE DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.			DISPOSAL OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION.							CONDUCT OF PERSONS UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION. (Exclusive of Persons removed to other Districts.)						
	In District at commencement of year.	Entered district during year.		Supervision expired.	Supervision remitted by Secretary of State.	Removed to other Districts.	Sent to Prison.	Missing and Gasetted.	Left England.	Died.	Under Supervision in District at end of year.	On Indictment.	Convicted during the year.	Suspected to be living dishonestly but not Convicted during the year.	Known or believed to be living honestly.		
		From Prison.	From other Districts.														
City of Birmingham ...	101	162	32	295	TOTAL.	72	4	47	57	6	2	—	107	44	19	31	154

RETURN H.—HABITUAL CRIMINALS AT LARGE, HOUSES OF BAD CHARACTER,
POPULATION OF DISTRICT, AND STRENGTH OF POLICE FORCE.

POLICE DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF HABITUAL CRIMINALS AT LARGE.						NUMBER OF HOUSES OF BAD CHARACTER.						Strength of Police Force.	Population of Police District.									
	TOTAL NUMBER.			Thieves.			Receivers.			Other Habitual Criminals					TOTAL NUMBER.			Houses of Receivers of Stolen Goods.			Houses frequented by Thieves.		
	Total.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.			F.	Public- Houses.	Beer- Houses.	Other Houses.					
City of Birmingham	290	237	53	179	38	31	11			4	27	4	44	18	8	6	12	900	522,204				

RETURN I.—Premises Licensed for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquor by Retail, and Registered Clubs, in each Licensing District, on the 1st January, 1906.

(1)	LICENSED PREMISES (WITH JUSTICES' LICENSES).										(10)	(11)	LIMITATIONS OF CERTAIN "ON" LICENSES (included in columns 2 to 5).			EXTENT, &c., OF LICENSING DISTRICT.			
	FOR CONSUMPTION ON OR OFF THE PREMISES.					FOR CONSUMPTION OFF THE PREMISES ONLY.							(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)
	(2)	(3)	(3A)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)									
LICENSING DISTRICT.	Ale-houses.	Beer-houses.	Beer-houses known to be "Aale-1869" (included in Col. 3).	Refreshment Houses.	TOTAL.	Shops where other (too's besides Liquor are sold.	Other Premises ("Off" Beer-houses, &c.).	TOTAL.	GRAND TOTAL.			Mix day.	Early Closing.	Mix-day and Early Closing.	Acreage.	Population.	Inhabited Houses.	Rateable Value.	
	635	813	718	14	1462	182	435	617	2079	85	22	33	—	1	12,639	522,204	107,831	2,885,345	0 0
Birmingham ...																			

RETURN 11.—Offences by Licensed Persons or in relation to Clubs, in each Licensing District, 45
during the Year 1906.

(1)	(2)	OFFENCES OF WHICH LICENSED PERSONS WERE CONVICTED.						OFFENCES IN RELATION TO CLUBS.					
		(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	REGISTERED CLUBS.			UNREGISTERED CLUBS.		
								(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	
		Total Number of Proceed- ings against Licensed Persons for Offences against the Intoxicating Liquor Laws.	Permitting Drunkenness on Licensed Premises, or Selling to Drunken Person.	Selling Drink to Habitual Drunkards.	Selling Drink to Children.	Offences against Closing Regulations.	Other Offences against the Intoxicating Liquor Laws.	TOTAL.	Total Number Proceeded Against.	Number of Convictions.	Number Struck off the Register.	Total Number Proceeded Against.	Number of Convictions.
LICENSING DISTRICT.													
Birmingham ...	12	1	—	—	2	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—

SUPPLEMENTARY RETURN with regard to Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors.—Exemption Orders and Occasional Licenses granted during the year beginning 1st January or in the existence at the termination of the year.

(1) LICENSING DISTRICT.	EXEMPTION ORDERS (extending hours for keeping open.)		(4) OCCASIONAL LICENSES (authorising sale at places other than licensed premises).
	(2) Permanent or for Periods (Sec. 26 of 35-6 V. c. 94.)	(3) Special Occasions (Sec. 26 of 35-6 V. c. 94.)	
Birmingham	—	173	64

RETURN III.--Number of Convictions for Drunkenness and Number of Persons Convicted of Drunkenness 47
in each Licensing District during the Year 1906.

(1) LICENSING DISTRICT.	(2) Total Proceedings for Drunkenness.	(3) NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS FOR DRUNKENNESS.						(7) Number of Persons Convicted of Drunkenness.		NUMBER OF PERSONS (Included in Col. 7.)						PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS FOR DRUNKENNESS (SO FAR AS KNOWN) OF PERSONS CONVICTED OF DRUNKENNESS						(15) Persons Con- mitted to Certified Inebriate Reforma- tories.	(16) "Black List" Orders under Section 6 of the Licensing Act, 1902.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																														
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		Simple Drunken- ness only.			Drunken- ness with Aggrava- tions.			Drunken- ness at the same time as other distinct offences.			Total.			Males and Females.			Males.			Females.				Males.			Females.			Males.			Females.			Males.			Females.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																														
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TABLES OF STATISTICS, &c.

TABLE I.

TABLE showing the strength of the Police Force (exclusive of additional Constables), the Area of the City in Acres, and the average Acreage to each Constable; the Population of the City in 1906, and the average Population to each Constable.

Strength of Police Force (exclusive of 18 additional Constables)	900
Area in Acres	12,705
Acreage to each Constable	14
Population in 1901	522,204
Population to each Constable	580

TABLE II.
RETURN of authorised POLICE FORCE, and allowances as allowed to
each Rank and Class on the 31st day of December, 1908.

The authorised strength of each Rank on the 31st Dec., 1908.	RANKS AND CLASSES.	Total actual number of each Rank and Class on the 31st Dec., 1908.	Rates and Pay of each Rank and Class, as allowed on the 31st December, 1908.		Allowance for Boots or Clothing when not provided.	
			Rates of Weekly Pay.	Rates of Yearly Pay.	Allow- ance for Boots.	Allowance for Plain Clothes, etc.
1	Chief Constable	1	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
1	Deputy-Chief Constable	1	.....	900 0 0		
1	Chief Clerk	1	.....	320 0 0	.....	£12
1	Detective Superintendent	1	.....	285 0 0		
4	Superintendents {	3	.....	210 0 0		
		1	.....	250 0 0		
5	Chief Inspectors {	1	.....	220 0 0		
		4	.....	180 0 0		
	Special Class... ..	2	.....	150 0 0		
	L'ng Service Cl.	2	.....	143 0 0		
21	Inspectors { 1st Class	7	.....	135 4 0		
	2nd "	6	.....	130 0 0		
	3rd "	4	.....	119 12 0		
	1st Class	30	2 0 0	109 4 0		
82	Sergeants { 2nd "	13	1 19 0			
	3rd "	13	1 17 0			
	4th "	21	1 15 0			
	Constables, 3rd Long Service Class	143	1 18 0			
	" 2nd " "	66	1 12 0			
	" 1st " "	92	1 11 0			
784	Constables { 1st Class	57	1 10 0			
	2nd "	114	1 9 0			
	3rd "	127	1 8 0			
	4th "	128	1 7 0			
	5th "	55	1 5 0			
900	Total Force	893				

N.B.—There is a Progressive Pay, viz.: Superintendents, annual advance from £170 to £250; Inspectors, a 8, 4 and 8 years' scale from date of promotion: Sergeants, 8, 3 and 3 years; Constables on appointment receive 25/- per week; after 12 months, 27/- per week; after 3 years, 28/- per week; after 5 years, 29/- per week; after 7 years, 30/- per week; after 9 years, 31/- per week; after 12 years, 32/- per week; after 15 years, 33/- per week. In accordance with the terms of the Merit Class 18 Sergeants are receiving 2/- and 14 1/- per week; 15 Constables are receiving 2/- per week; 14 1/- per week; and 71 -/6 per week.

TABLE III.
RETURN showing how the additional Constables are employed.

By whom appointed.	By whom Paid.	RANKS.				TOTAL.
		Supts.	Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Constables.	
Watch Committee ...	Poor Law Guardians ...	..	1	...	...	1
" ...	Markets Committee...	...	...	1	8	9
" ...	Under Employment of Children Act 1903 ...	...	...	1	5	6
" ...	Health Committee ...	...	2	...	...	2
" ...	Water Department ...	...	...	1	...	1
	TOTAL ...	...	3	3	13	19

TABLE IV.
RETURN showing the length of Service and certain Ages of the Members of the Actual Strength
of the Police Force for the Year ended 31st December, 1906.

RANKS.	PERIODS OF SERVICE.						AGES.	
	Under 5 years.	5 years and under 10 years.	10 years and under 15 years.	15 years and under 20 years.	20 years and under 25 years.	25 years and upwards.	Under 21 years.	Above 20 years.
Chief Constable ... ..	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Deputy Chief Constable ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	..	...
Chief Clerk ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Superintendents ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	...
Inspectors ... ..	...	...	1	5	13	7	...	...
Sergeants ... ..	...	...	17	32	26	2	...	...
Constables	277	222	134	98	43	8	...	...
Total	277	233	152	135	84	22	...	...

TABLE V.
 RETURN showing the variations which have taken place in the Force during the Year ended
 31st December, 1906.

RANKS.	Resigned own request.	Resigned on Report.	Super- annuated.	Deceased.	Received Gratuities.	Total Left the Force.	Total Joined the Force.
Chief Constable
Superintendents
Inspectors	1	...	...	1	...
Sergeants	3	1	...	4	...
Constables	...	10	10	2	5	36	61
TOTALS. ...	9	10	14	3	5	41	61

TABLE VI.
POLICE ESTABLISHMENT and CHARGES for the Year ended December 31st, 1906, and Three preceding Years.

	ESTABLISHMENT.										COST OF ESTABLISHMENT.									
	POPULATION LAST CENSUS	Chief Constable.	Deputy Chief Constable	Chief Clerk.	Superintendent.	Inspectors.	Sergeants.	Constables.	Additional Constables.	Detective Constables.	TOTAL.	Salaries and Pay.	Allowance and Contingent Expenses.	Clothing and Other Accoutrements.	Superannua- tion and Gratuities paid during the year. (Other than those paid out of Super- annuation Fund.)	Horses, Harness, Forage, &c.	Buildings, Station House Charges, Printing, Stationery, &c.	Other Miscellaneous Charges.	Total Cost.	Superannua- tion and Gratuities paid out of Superannua- tion Fund.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1906	522,204	1 1 1	1 1 1	5 26	77 765	19 24	960	74,478 18 0	2673 8 3	4,038 16 5	*73 10 0 +2423 12 5	502 2 1	5,890 15 7	2,568 19 11	92,450 2 8	12,021 5 4				
1905	522,204	1 1 1	1 1 1	6 25	82 740	18 24	880	73,117 7	2929 7 3	4,329 0 11	*85 1 0 +507 17 6	564 6 9	6,873 19 9	3,144 4 3	91,551 4 7	11,794 9 1				
1904	522,204	1 1 1	1 1 1	6 25	81 721	16 24	860	73,235 18 4	2439 5 11	7,081 8 11	*44 2 0 +761 0 1	406 2 7	7,038 2 0	3,682 6 5	94,638 1 3	11,659 16 2				
1903	522,204	1 1 1	1 1 1	5 20	60 707	16 41	852	66,819 0 2	2259 10 3	4,355 10 4	*144 18 0	482 9 10	7,847 17 7	3,094 9 8	85,003 15 10	9,871 3 9				

† Deficiency on Police Superannuation Fund. * Gratuities

TABLE VII.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons charged with being Drunk, and Drunk and Disorderly; also showing the Number of Persons charged with other offences committed while in a state of Drunkenness, during the years ended 31st December, 1903, and Four preceding years.

OFFENCE.	1906	1905	1904	1903	1902
Drunk, and Drunk and Disorderly	2,999	3,387	3,615	3,179	2,692
Drunkenness, accompanied with other offences, committed when in a state of Drunkenness ...	3,310	3,728	4,011	3,628	3,046

TABLE VIII.

RETURN showing the number of persons proceeded against summarily for Assaults on the Police during the Years ended 31st December, 1906, and four preceding years.

YEAR.	Number of Persons proceeded against.	Number of Persons convicted.
1906	337	319
1905	487	442
1904	417	384
1903	459	435
1902	416	392

TABLE IX.

RETURN showing the number of Persons proceeded against for Larceny and other Indictable Offences triable Summarily for the Years ended 31st December, 1906, and Four preceding Years.

	YEARS.				
	1906	1905	1904	1908	1902
Summary Jurisdiction Act 	808	944	1406	961	1068

TABLE X.
 RETURN of Persons between the ages of 7 and 16 years, who have been apprehended by the Police and taken before the Magistrates, also showing the character of the offence for which they were charged, during the years ended December 31st, 1906, and four preceding years.

AGE AND SEX.														OFFENCE.															
7		8		9		10		11		12		13		14		15		TOTAL.				Felony		Misdemeanour.		Drunkenness.		Vagrancy.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1906	...	2	3	1	13	1	23	2	28	2	40	2	60	10	44	3	65	7	276	30	168	18	26	2	...	...	92	10
1905	1	...	4	1	11	1	24	...	15	4	50	3	70	2	68	6	77	4	320	21	188	11	46	2	...	...	86	8
1904	...	...	5	...	7	1	28	2	65	3	77	4	108	6	139	11	250	10	680	36	253	22	371	3	2	...	147	13
1903	1	...	2	1	10	...	22	3	34	1	71	8	107	10	149	7	209	12	641	33	220	23	238	4	1	...	129	6	
1902	2	...	3	...	12	...	32	2	54	4	84	...	126	13	123	9	257	23	625	38	272	22	387	6	5	...	114	10	

TABLE XI.

RETURN of the Number of Public Houses, Cider Houses, and Refreshment Houses with Wine Licenses; also showing the Number proceeded against, the Number Convicted, and the Number deprived of Licenses for Misconduct, during the years ended 31st December, 1906, and Four preceding years

PUBLIC HOUSES.					BEER HOUSES.				CIDER HOUSES ONLY.				REFRESHMENT HOUSES WITH WINE LICENSE.			
	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct	Number of Houses.	Number Proceeded against.	Number Convicted.	Number Deprived of License for Misconduct
1906	622	7	2	..	1395	12	7	..	1	..	..	..	13	..	..	..
1905	635	25	3	..	1430	9	1	..	1	..	..	..	13	..	..	..
1904	638	26	15	..	1450	22	13	..	1	..	..	..	15	..	..	..
1903	640	8	4	..	1506	11	9	..	1	..	..	..	16	..	..	..
1902	645	15	10	..	1508	20	16	..	1	..	..	..	16	..	..	..

* Of the 1395 under the head "Beer Houses," 661 are licensed to sell Beer to be consumed on the premises, 159 for Beer and Wine "On," 440 are licensed to sell Beer to be consumed off the premises, and 175 are Dealers and Miscellaneous Licenses licensed to sell Beer, Wine or Spirits.

TABLE XII.

RETURN Showing the Number of Premises registered for the storage of Gunpowder and Mixed Explosives, and the Number of Stores for Mixed Explosives, licensed under the Explosives Act, 1875; also the number of Premises Licensed under the Petroleum Acts, 1871 to 1881, during the year ended December 31st, 1906.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875.				PETROLEUM ACTS, 1871 to 1881.		
Number of Premises Registered for the Storage of Gunpowder.	Number of Premises Registered for the Storage of Mixed Explosives.	Stores for Mixed Explosives.	Total Registered.	Number of Places Licensed for the Storage of Petroleum.	Number of Places Licensed for the Storage of Carbide of Calcium.	Total Licensed.
69	982	2	1053	357	75	432

TABLE XIII.

RETURN showing the Number of Persons summoned under the Explosives Act, 1875, and Petroleum Acts, 1871 to 1881, the Number Convicted, and the total Amount of Fines and Costs inflicted.

	Number of Persons Summoned.	Number of Persons Convicted.	Withdrawn on payment of costs.	Total Amount of Fines Inflicted.	Total Amount of Costs Paid.
Explosives Act ..	2	2	—	£ s. d. 0 10 0	£ s. d. 0 16 0
Petroleum Act ...	5	3	2	8 10 0	2 9 0

TABLE XIV.

RETURN showing the amount of Money received for the Registration of Premises for the storage of Gunpowder and Mixed Explosives and the Amount received for Licenses under the Petroleum Acts.

EXPLOSIVES ACT.			PETROLEUM ACTS.		
Amount received for Registration of Premises, &c.			Amount received for Licenses.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
52	17	0	108	0	0

TABLE XV.

RETURN showing the numbers of Hackney Carriages, Hackney Carriage Drivers, the number of whose Licenses have been Revoked or Suspended; and the number of Articles found in the Vehicles during the Year ended 31st December, 1906, and corresponding period of 1905.

YEAR.	HACKNEY CARRIAGES.				HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVERS			ARTICLES FOUND.			
	Number of Hackney Carriages Licensed.	Number of Proprietors.	Number of Proprietors holding more than one License.	Number of Proprietors holding only one License.	Number of Hackney Carriage Drivers Licensed.	Number of Hackney Carriage Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number whose Licenses have been suspended.	Number of Articles found.	Number of Articles returned to the Owners.	Number given up to Drivers.	Number waiting to be claimed.
1906 ...	417	131	71	60	615	10	6	480	204	163	11
1905 ...	446	131	80	51	676	6	18	521	242	68	211

RETURN showing the numbers of Cars, Drivers, and Conductors Licensed on Tramways; also the numbers of Omnibuses and Brakes, Drivers and Conductors Licensed; the number of whose Licenses have been Revoked or Suspended; and the number of Articles found in Tram Cars, Omnibuses, or Brakes, and brought to the Public Carriage Office, also the number of such Articles given up to Owners or Conductors, and the number waiting to be owned, during the year ended 31st Dec., 1906, and corresponding period of 1905.

YEAR.	TRAM CARS.							OMNIBUSES AND BRAKES.						ARTICLES FOUND.				
	Number of Tram Cars Licensed.	Number of Tram Car Drivers Licensed.	Number of Tram Car Conductors Licensed.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Omnibuses and Brakes Licensed.	Number of Omnibuses and Brakes Drivers Licensed.	Number of Omnibuses and Brake Conductors Licensed.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Drivers whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Revoked.	Number of Conductors whose Licenses have been Suspended.	Number of Articles Found.	Number of Articles Returned to Owners.	Number of Articles given up to Finder.	Number waiting to be Claimed.
1906 ...	336	652	697	—	—	1	—	222	386	350	1	1	1	—	4392	1800	818	1774
1905 ...	313	591	692	—	—	—	1	233	421	372	—	1	—	—	4748	2063	1615	1070

TABLE XVII.

Return of the Number of Pedlars' Certificates granted in the Birmingham Police District during the year ended 31st December, 1906.

Number of Certificates granted.	Amount of Money received for Granting Certificates and paid to Borough Fund.
450	£ 112 s. 10 d. 0

TABLE XVIII.

Return of the Number of Cattle and Vehicles found in the Streets by the Police and impounded by them; also showing how they were disposed of, for the year ended 31st December, 1906, the Amount received, and to what Account paid.

The Number of Cattle or Vehicles found in the Streets.	Number of Cattle or Vehicles restored to owners.	Number of Cattle or Vehicles sold, not being owned.	Paid to Improvement Account.			Paid to Superannuation Account.		
262	258	4	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
			24	5	9	6	17	0

TABLE XIX.

Return showing the Number of Accidents caused by Steam, Cable, and Electric Trams, Motor, and other Vehicular Traffic in the Streets for the Year ended 31st December, 1906.

Proprietors.		Accidents caused by Trams and Motor Vehicles.				Accidents by other Vehicles.	Total.
		Steam.	Cable.	Electric.	Motor.		
B'ham & Midland (Steam)	45	45	19	125	104	881	1174
„ „ (Cable)	19						
„ „ (Electric)	66						
„ Corporation „	59						
Motor Vehicles ...	104						

TABLE XX.

A RETURN showing the number of Premises Found Open by the Police between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., for the twelve months ended December 31st, 1906.

PREMISES FOUND INSECURE.

DESCRIPTION OF PREMISES.	By DOORS BEING LEFT OPEN.	By WINDOWS BEING LEFT OPEN.	By OTHER MEANS.	TOTAL.	INCREASE ON LAST YEAR.	DECREASE ON LAST YEAR.
Shops	1,490	42	105	1,637	86	..
Warehouses, &c.	162	20	21	203	...	176
Factories	641	57	115	813	174	...
Dwelling Houses	1,862	175	76	1,913	...	120
Other Premises not included as above ...	567	7	80	654	107	...
TOTAL ...	4,522	301	397	5,220	317	296

Circulars are specially sent to the owners - where caretakers and others responsible have left their premises open inadvertently.



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